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## PREFACE

Some fifty years ago while struggling to find a climate that would overcome the poison of that dread disease consumption, and restore her to health, Martha Ann Dobbin of Greenwich, N. Y., wrote a letter to her cousin, Nellie Dobbin, of the same town, in which she declared her intention of starting a History of the Dobbin Family.

She was a daughter of Joseph Dobbin and of Martha Simpson Dobbin, own cousins, and hence, twice a Dobbin. She was a sister of Dr. Dobbin of Faribault, Minn., and a great granddaughter of John Dobbin, our progenitor.

Fortunately she was permitted to live long enough to prepare, and leave for future generations, a manuscript containing some valuable genealogical data. Her sources of information were partly her two uncles, William Miller Dobbin and David Miller Dobbin, and her Aunt, Mary Dobbin Nelson, at that time visiting her two brothers—all three had been born in County Antrim, Ireland; had spent their youth in Washington County, N. Y.; the two brothers migrating in early manhood and becoming pioneers in the "Middle West" while the sister remained in Salem, Washington County.

David Miller Dobbin was one of the first Elders of the Somonauk U. P. Church, Somonauk, Illinois. Other sources of information were her own immediate family and several Dobbin cousins, living in Washington County, N. Y.; family Bibles and inscriptions on tombstones.

The writer saw a copy of Martha Ann's manuscript in 1902; had some typewritten copies made and began shortly thereafter to accumulate data to cover the ramifications of the family down to the present time. He has been greatly assisted by Hattie Dobbin of East Greenwich, N. Y., to whom he is deeply indebted for an increased enthusiasm for the family as well as for a large amount of genealogical data. He wishes to make honorable mention of Martha Dobbin of State Center, Iowa; the late Jessie Dobbin Struthers of Craig, Nebraska; John Knox Elsey of Lothair, Montana; Charity ("Cherry") Dobbin Stinson of Viola, Kan.; Mary Nelson Thompson of Stronghurst, Illinois; Mrs. Edward Dobbin of Long Beach, California; Jennie Graham Nicol of Los Angeles, California, and of Genevieve Thompson of Hinckley, Illinois.

He is indebted to many others who have cooperated in giving information regarding themselves; to Frank Dobbin of Shushan, N. Y., and to Ernest Tilford of Smith's Basin, N. Y., who have taken special interest in searching for other lines of Dobbin and calling attention to them; and lastly, to Miss Jennie Patten, of Yuma, Colorado, authoress of the Somonauk Book.

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## INTRODUCTORY

Not until a man becomes a father does he begin to take an interest in Genealogy: he is more likely to do so if he were late in marrying, but he is far more likely to acquire the interest when he becomes a grandfather.

The author's interest at the birth of his first grandchild became keen. He began at once to make a diagram of the baby's ancestors to the fifth generation back—32 of them. The same Surname was duplicated only once and that name Miller—one of them, our common ancestor Mary Miller of Connagher, the other a German, living in her native country.

In this connection, the thought occurred to him that 10 generations back there were 32 times 32 or 1024 ancestors and 20 generations back, 1024 times 1024 or 1,048,576 ancestors and assuming 3 generations in a Century in all lines of his descent and no intermarriages, the baby had that number of ancestors living in the year 1256 A.D. Hence considering the branches of the "genealogical tree" as the descendants, the roots may be considered the ancestors and the roots are more certain and much greater in number than the branches.

There has been much speculation as to the origin of the Dobbin folks and as to the name itself. A favorite theory with some of our family is that the name is a corruption of the French, D'Aubigne or D'Aubyn.

The author has not been much interested in this, as he has had plenty to do in tracing the descendants of John Dobbin of Connagher. However, he thinks it extremely probable that John Dobbin was descended from Dobbin of Carrickfergus—the Town and Castle on Belfast Lough, ten miles from the City of Belfast. The Castle was a military stronghold for centuries. Historians agree that the Castle or fortress, was built and garrisoned by soldiers from England or Normandy. The names of certain officials were engraved on stone, one of these names is Dobbin.

In an article in the *Baltimore Sun* of Aug. 19, 1906, is given a list of those who were Mayors of the City through the period 1576–1724, William Dobbin in 1576, Rigby Dobbin in 1724, five in all; also a longer list that were Sheriffs in the same period, including such names as James, John, Anthony, Nicholas and Thomas. This article states "All of the name of Dobbin in Ulster, descended from Peter Dobbin, Constable of Carrickfergus," and again "The family evidently from intercourse with the Scotch, by proximity of Carrickfergus to the Scotch coast, embraced the Presbyterian form of religion at a very early period." One more quotation—"The earliest known ancestors of the family came to England in 1066 with William the Con-



queror. They settled at Bristol and in 1162, came over to Waterford."

It is unfortunate that more letters of value, manuscripts, and Journals have not been left behind, that might enable us to carry back John Dobbin's ancestry a few generations. Conditions in the 18th Century were very disturbed and doubtless few records of births, marriages and deaths were ever made by the great mass of the people.

This sketch of the "Descendants of John Dobbin" is, of necessity, incomplete due to the indifference of some members of our large family who have failed to give the information asked for pertaining to themselves or their immediate families.



## EXPLANATION OF NUMERALS

Every Descendant has been given a Numeral that may consist of several figures. Every one is recommended to study the scheme of Numerals until he understands it. The Numeral is not arbitrary but significant. Thus, the number of figures in a person's Numeral shows to what generation he belongs, counting John Dobbin as first generation. The first figure 1 stands for John Dobbin; the second 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6, for that one of his six sons from which the person is descended; while the last figure denotes which child he is in his parent's family.

Where a family consists of more than nine children, a parenthesis is employed, thus for ten (10), for thirteen (13), which is as large a family as we appear to have. There have been three or four such families. To illustrate, (14) is the Numeral of David Dobbin, the fourth child of John (1); (119) is for David Miller Dobbin, the ninth child of William (11) the first child of John (1); (1659) is for Elizabeth Walker Gardinier, the ninth child of Eleanor Livingston Dobbin (165) the fifth child of Samuel Dobbin (16) the sixth child of John Dobbin (1).

There are now living about twenty with numerals of four figures, or descendants of the fourth generation.

The short chapter, "Autobiographical," is a brief sketch of the Author's life, inserted for the special attention of his own immediate family and in the hope that he may have many generations of descendants of his own.

Appendix 1. William Dobbin's Journal as he crossed the sea, minus the first few sheets which have been lost.

Appendix 2. Martha Ann Dobbin's History of the Dobbin Family.

Appendix 3. Other Lines of Dobbin and Coat of Arms of the Dobbin Family.



## DOBBIN GENEALOGY

John Dobbin of Connagher, County Antrim, Ireland, was probably born about the year 1740. He married Mary Miller of Connagher. Their family consisted of six sons and one daughter.

1	William	(11)	b. Feb. 22, 1771.
2	James	(12)	b. in 1773.
3	John	(13)	b. in 1775.
4	David	(14)	b. in 1778.
5	Miller	(15)	b. in October, 1782.
6	Samuel	(16)	b. Feb. 21, 1789.
7	Sarah		the daughter, died while young, We do not know where she belongs in order of birth.

Mary Miller Dobbin, the mother, in the interval between the marriage of the oldest son, William, in 1793, and the migration of her husband and two youngest sons to America, had undoubtedly died.

James and John probably came in 1797; their father and the three younger brothers in 1798. William, the eldest, did not migrate until 1824.

There is a tradition in the earlier generations of the Descendants of John Dobbin that he left his home in Connagher, came to America, and fought with the Colonists in their struggle for Independence, but diligent search, recently made in the Archives of Virginia, Maryland, Delaware, New Jersey, Connecticut, Massachusetts and New York, has failed in discovering proof that he was a soldier in the Revolution. It hardly seems possible that he so served when we consider the number of babies and very young children in his home at that time.

Unfortunately, there are no records pertaining to John Dobbin (1) either in the form of letters, manuscripts or journals until we come down the generations to Martha Ann Dobbin (1137) whose Journal was written in 1887-1888 (See Appendix 2). It is not known just when he died nor just where, but he was buried in the Christie Graveyard, where two of his sons, Miller and Samuel, were buried many years later.

The six sons settled in Washington County, New York, within a few miles of one another. Like nearly all immigrants from the British Isles at that time, they became farmers, although two of them engaged in other occupations at some time during their life. James was a cooper and David a tanner.

The farms and homes of the six brothers were all located in a small section of the County, the East Central part, in the towns (townships) Greenwich, Salem, Jackson and Argyle.

The Archives in the County Clerk's Office contain records of numerous Deeds of farm property in which the name Dobbin



figures. On Nov. 15, 1805, James and John Dobbin received from Moses Cowan a Deed to thirty-two acres of land: on November 5, 1811, Miller and Samuel Dobbin a Deed from Henry Tinkey to a small farm.

The brothers all had good-sized families, ranging from five to eleven children, and were loyal to traditions in naming them.

The children of the six brothers were forty-eight in all or an average of eight per family; the name John was given to five, James to five, David to four, Mary to six, Martha to three, and Jane to three.

The consequence of so many in the third generation of the same name was "dubbing" them with nicknames. Probably the most common scheme followed was to couple the son's name or daughter's with that of the father—thus, William's John, John's John, David's John, etc. But, sometimes resort was had to common methods, based on peculiarities. An example of this kind was that of three Samuels of different generations whose farms lay within a radius of two miles. These, Samuel (16), Samuel (152) and Samuel (111), were known throughout the surrounding country as Deacon Sam, Squire Sam and Red Sam.

Two of the six brothers, John and David, served their country in the War of 1812-1814. About twenty years later, when the Federal Government was encouraging immigration by loaning money to deserving settlers, John was appointed U. S. Loan Commissioner for Washington County. He so served for several years in the period 1830-1848.

A characteristic of these brothers was their devotion to the Church and their knowledge of the Bible. Two of them were Elders in their respective churches, while two others were often spoken of as having all the qualifications of an Elder. In their homes they were accustomed to have family worship at least once a day.

William Dobbin (11) the eldest son of John Dobbin and Mary Miller, was born Feb. 22, 1771. He married Margaret Andrew, daughter of Samuel Andrew and Jane Dobbin. See Martha Dobbin's Historical Sketch (Appendix 2) for his early life.

They had ten Children.

1	Samuel	(111)	born July 5, 1794: died May 16, 1866.
2	John	(112)	born Sept. 2, 1796: died Feb. 27, 1888.
3	Joseph	(113)	born July 5, 1799: died Aug. 9, 1888.
4	Mary	(114)	born in 1800: died in 1803.
5	Jane	(115)	born in April, 1804: died Dec. 15, 1881.
6	William Miller	(116)	born in July, 1806.
7	James		born in 1808: died in infancy.
8	James		born in 1810: was drowned in 1834.
9	David Miller	(119)	born Jan. 13, 1813: died Nov. 29, 1898.
10	Mary	(11(10))	born June 14, 1815: died Apr. 9, 1900.



Samuel Dobbin (111) the oldest son of William Dobbin (11) was born July 5, 1794: died May 16, 1866, was buried in the Graveyard of the South Argyle United Presbyterian Church, along-side the graves of his Father and Mother. He married, in 1822, Elizabeth Christie who was born Feb. 24, 1800: died Jan. 16, 1876 at her son James' home in DeKalb County, Illinois, and was buried in Oak Mound Cemetery near the Somonauk U. P. Church.

They had thirteen Children.

1	Margaret	(1111)	born Mar. 24, 1824: See Illinois Walkers.
2	Jane	(1112)	born June 23, 1825: died Aug. 7, 1911; married James McMillan, a widower, she had no children.
3	Peter	(1113)	born Sept. 14, 1826: died Aug. 20, 1883; never married.
4	Mary	(1114)	born Mar. 6, 1828: died Feb. 14, 1913; never married.
5	William	(1115)	born Aug. 7, 1829: died Dec. 25, 1903; never married.
6	Martha	(1116)	born Oct. 17, 1830: died Apr. 12, 1865; married Andrew Reynolds.
7	John Weir	(1117)	born Apr. 24, 1832: died Dec. 6, 1912.
8	Elizabeth	(1118)	born Oct. 1, 1833: died July 24, 1902; married Thomas Irwin.
9	James Joseph	(1119)	born Oct. 13, 1835: died Oct. 13, 1921.
10	Andrew	(111(10))	born June 28, 1837: died Aug. 14, 1904.
11	David	(111(11))	born Sept. 28, 1838: died Aug. 17, 1908.
12	Esther	(111(12))	born Aug. 3, 1841: died Aug. 23, 1919; never married.
13	Alexander	(111(13))	born Aug. 15, 1843.

John Weir Dobbin (1117) born April 24, 1832: died Dec. 6, 1912: after going West from his native place, Greenwich, N. Y., he lived for a time in Sandwich, Ill. He later went to State Center, Iowa, and became President of the First National Bank. He married on Sept. 11, 1862, Julia Fuller: born Feb. 4, 1835; died Mar. 8, 1903.

They had four children.

1	Ward Fuller	(11171)	born July 26, 1862, in Sandwich, Ill.
2	Fred Lee	(11172)	born June 29, 1866, at State Center, Iowa.
3	Alice Eliza	(11173)	born Feb. 9, 1868, at State Center, Iowa.
4	Walter Ransom	(11174)	born July 27, 1872, at State Center, Iowa: attended College at Grinnell and Ames, Iowa; not married; served as U. S. Consul at Lethbridge, Alberta, Canada, 1907 to 1913.

Ward Fuller Dobbin (11171) born July 26, 1862: graduated in 1882 from Shattuck School, Faribault, Minn. (The Rev. James Dobbin D.D. (1132) Rector), married first, Mabel L. McLafferty on Oct. 24, 1884. She died in July 1886. He married second,



on Aug. 26, 1896, Sarah G. Freeman: born Apr. 17, 1866. President of Bank in Bertrand, Nebraska.

They have two sons.

1. James Weir Dobbin (111711) born June 18, 1897, in Bertrand, Neb.: graduated from High School in Bertrand, attended Bellevue College at Bellevue, Neb. While there he enlisted Apr. 17, 1917: saw service in France, afterwards attended the University of Chicago. He is Cashier of the Bank in Bertrand, Neb.: married Elizabeth Manker, born Feb. 5, 1895, in Chattanooga, Tenn.

They have three Children.

- 1 Ward Manker (111711) born Sept. 1, 1923, in Chicago.
- 2 Barbara Jane (1117112) born Mar. 18, 1926.
- 3 James Weir (1117113) born Oct. 5, 1931, in Chicago.

2. Freeman Fuller Dobbin (111712) born Mar. 3, 1903: Graduate of High School: one year in Doane College, dropped out on account of health: married on June 10, 1925, Eunice J. Westfall, born July 15, 1902. He is Ass't Cashier of Bertrand Bank.

They have one child.

Lindley Fuller Dobbin (1117121) born Jan. 6, 1935.

Fred Lee Dobbin (11172) born June 29, 1866, in State Center, Iowa: graduate of Iowa State College, Ames, Iowa, in 1888, married on Feb. 26, 1895, Carolyn McCormick, born Aug. 7, 1873. President of First National Bank of State Center.

They have three Children.

1. Dorothy Dobbin (111721) born Dec. 8, 1895, in Oklahoma City, Okla.: graduate of High School at State Center, attended Lake Forest College, Studied Piano at the "Three Arts," Chicago, married on May 10, 1923, Herbert Davis, born Oct. 22, 1892.

They have one Child.

Joan Davis (1117211) born Nov. 8, 1929, at Kansas City, Mo.

2. Mildred Dobbin (111722) born Dec. 14, 1896, in Oklahoma City: graduate of High School in State Center, attended Lake Forest College, Studied Violin at the "Three Arts," Chicago, married on Dec. 2, 1922, Frank Ball Jr., born Sept. 16, 1895 at State Center.

They have one Child.

Carolyn Ball (1117221) born Sept. 17, 1930, at Kansas City, Mo.

3. John McCormick Dobbin (111723) born Dec. 21, 1909, at State Center, Iowa: graduate in Law at University of Mich.

Alice Eliza Dobbin (11173) born Feb. 9, 1868 in State Center,



Iowa: educated in State Center and Grinnell College, Merchant in State Center, fruit grower in Florida, not married.

James Joseph Dobbin (1119) born Oct. 13, 1835: died Oct. 13, 1921, married on Feb. 28, 1866, in Greenwich, N. Y., Nancy Maria Tefft, born Mar. 27, 1844: died Mar. 10, 1888. They spent their married life on farms in Illinois, first near Sandwich and later in Waterman.

They had four children.

1	Anna Mercy	(11191)	born Dec. 19, 1867.
2	Jay Howard	(11192)	born Feb. 12, 1870.
3	Claude Frank	(11193)	born Nov. 19, 1871.
4	Etta May	(11194)	born Nov. 10, 1875.

Anna Mercy Dobbin (11191) born Dec. 19, 1867, near Sandwich, Ill. She taught schools of different States, finally in Wyoming, later elected Superintendent of Schools, Cheyenne County, a position she filled most satisfactorily for many years, finally declining to be a candidate for reelection, the duties being rather too exhausting for her strength at the time.

She worked for the election of the Deputy who succeeded and then insisted upon Miss Dobbin accepting the appointment of Deputy Superintendent, a position she now (1935) holds. Her address is 6 Mission Ap't's, Cheyenne, Wyo.

Jay Howard Dobbin (11192) born Feb. 12, 1870, near Sandwich, Ill.: married Jan. 6, 1900, Mary Etta Huffman of Union, Oregon, born Feb. 28, 1877. He has been a Sheep Rancher for many years, owning large tracts of grazing land in Oregon and Idaho. Their home is in a region of marvelous natural beauty, Mountains, Canyons and Lakes. It resembles in many features, the finest scenery in Switzerland. Their address is Enterprise, Oregon.

They have four Children.

1	Jay Howard, Jr.	(111921)	born Dec. 18, 1900.
2	Marie Annette	(111922)	born Aug. 7, 1903.
3	Margaret Alice	(111923)	born June 25, 1905.
4	Catherine Nancy	(111924)	born April 18, 1909.

Jay Howard Dobbin, Jr. (111921) born Dec. 18, 1900, in Joseph, Oregon: graduate of State College, Pullman, Wash., his nickname in College and since, "Jack," married Lavone ("Jerry") Harter of Herington, Kan. He has succeeded well in business, is now (1935) Manager of Pacific Coast Division of the National Wooden Box Manufacturer's Association, his Office, 600 Call Building, San Francisco: his Residence, 141 San Juan Ave., Lomita Park, Cal.

Marie Annette Dobbin (111922) born Aug. 7, 1903, in Joseph, Oregon: uses her second given name and is known as Annette, graduate A.B., from Washington State College, although she spent the 2nd. and 3rd. years in Univ. of Oregon. She did a year



of post graduate work in Columbia Univ. New York, for which she has the M.A. degree: has studied in the Sorbonne, Paris; is Teacher of French in State College, Albany, N. Y., is studying during the summer for a Doctor's Degree.

Margaret Alice Dobbin (111923) born June 25, 1905, in Joseph, Oregon: graduate of University of Oregon, has had in mind, taking a course in Medicine: came East with that in mind and the determination to earn money to pay her way: has had different jobs, such as Technician in Hospital, Etc.: is now companion and tutor in Boston, Mass.

Catherine Nancy Dobbin (111924) born Apr. 18, 1909, in Enterprise, Oregon: graduate, A.B. of University of Washington, now teacher in Enterprise, Oregon, living at home. M.A. University of Washington.

Claude Frank Dobbin (11193) born Nov. 19, 1871, near Sandwich, Ill.: married at Eola, Ill., Minnie B. Hill. They live in Aurora, Ill.

They have four Children.

1	Elva Hill	(111931)	born Nov. 9, 1898.
2	Guy L.	(111932)	born Jan. 9, 1900.
3	Clinton A.	(111933)	born Nov. 6, 1903: died Nov. 11, 1932: married Vesa Shoger.
4	Clifford B.	(111934)	born Nov. 6, 1903: married Feb. 2, 1935, Margaret Rose Dehn.

Etta May Dobbin (11194) born Oct. 10, 1875, in Waterman, Ill.: teacher for several years, beginning in Illinois, lastly in Wyoming, for a time, County Superintendent of Schools, now (1935) Executive Secretary of the Wyoming State Tuberculosis Association. In connection with her duties as Secretary, she attends Annual Meetings of the National Associations; in the summer of 1935, she attended the Meeting at Saranac, New York, visiting some of her "Dobbin" cousins before and after the Meeting.

Andrew Dobbin (111(10)) born June 28, 1837, in Township of Greenwich, Wash. Co., N. Y.: died Aug. 14, 1904. Was a farmer in State Center, Iowa and Osborn, Kansas. Married on Oct. 3, 1874, Susan Schaefer: born May 1, 1851, died Apr. 22, 1928.

They had five Chlidren.

1	May Hattie	(111(10)1)	born May, 12, 1876.
2	Elmer Albert	(111(10)2)	born Jan. 22, 1879.
3	Emma J.	(111(10)3)	born July 4, 1881.
4	Laura B.	(111(10)4)	born July 3, 1883.
5	Jane Elizabeth	(111(10)5)	born Dec. 9, 1888: educated at Wesleyan Univ., Salina, Kansas, not married.

May Hattie Dobbin (111(10)1) born at State Center, Iowa: married on Dec. 27, 1910, John W. Nolan B.S., Salina Normal Univ. He holds Kansas Life Certificate.



They have two Children.

- 1 Gerald Wayne Nolan (111(10)11) born Nov. 21, 1911, in Yacolt, Wash. Graduate of Ridgewood Washington High School, in Pacific University two years.
- 2 Muriel Joyce Nolan (111(10)12) born Aug. 16, 1911, in Yacolt, Wash., graduate of Forest Grove, Oregon, High School, in Pacific Univ. one year, Ellensburg, Wash. State Normal two years, has State Certificate.

Elmer Albert Dobbin (111(10)2) born at State Center, Iowa: married on Oct. 27, 1907, Meta Foster, born Jan. 1, 1880, at Willets, Kansas, educated at Hiawatha, Kansas Academy. He has been a Farmer in Osborn, Kansas, and Homedale, Idaho.

They have four Children.

- 1 Wendell Lawrence (111(10)21) born Oct. 26, 1908, at Osborn, Kansas: Graduate of Enterprise, Oregon, High School.
- 2 Dale Andrew (111(10)22) born Dec. 27, 1909, at Osborne Kan.: married on Feb. 24, 1934, Norma June Dickie, born June 4, 1909.
- 3 Ronal Weir (111(10)23) born Dec. 12, 1912, at Enterprise, Ore.: Graduate of Caldwell, Idaho, High School.
- 4 Lora Jane (111(10)24) born Aug. 30, 1918, at Enterprise, Oregon: Graduate of Caldwell, Idaho High School.

Emma J. Dobbin (111(10)3) born July 4, 1881: Graduate Nurse in Topeka, Kansas: married in 1916, Joseph E. Ellison who died one month later.

Laura B. Dobbin (111(10)4) born July 3, 1883: educated at Wesleyan Univ., Salina, Kansas: married on July 27, 1919, Harvey Hensley, born Apr. 8, 1880.

They have two Children.

- 1 Helen Maxine Hensley (111(10)41) born June 26, 1922, at Chicago.
- 2 Billy Dale Hensley (111(10)42) born June 9th, 1926, at Osborne, Kansas.

David Gordon Dobbin (111(11)) born Sept. 28, 1838: died Aug. 17, 1908, married Marion U. Higgins, born Oct. 21, 1859, in Chicago, Ill., now living in Strathroy, Ontario, Canada. David Dobbin was born in Greenwich Township, N. Y., migrated to Illinois before the Civil War, enlisted in the 10th. Illinois Volunteers and served his Country three years.

They had five Children.



1	Lloyd Paul	(111(11)1)	born Jan. 27, 1888.
2	Tracy	(111(11)2)	born Mar. 2, 1889.
3	Cora Lillian	(111(11)3)	born Mar. 19, 1890.
4	Edwin Gordon	(111(11)4)	born Mar. 13, 1894.
5	Philip Llewellyn	(111(11)5)	born Jan. 21, 1899, in Chicago, died Sept. 28, 1907, of diphtheria.

Lloyd Paul Dobbin (111(11)1) born at Clinton, Iowa, known as Paul: married and now residing at 3707 Rollins Ave., Des Moines, Iowa.

They have two Sons.

1	David Llewellyn	(111(11)11)	born July 31, 1918.
2	Dwight	(111(11)12)	born June 24, 1920.

Tracy Dobbin (111(11)2) born at Clinton Iowa: married on Sept. 1, 1915, Madeline Holleran. Is a business man who migrated back East about 1930 and is in New York City, having his residence just across the river in New Jersey, address 357 Cliffside, N. J.

They have three sons.

1	James Tracy	(111(11)21)	born July 22, 1916.
2	John Edward	(111(11)22)	born June 15, 1918.
3	Joseph Edward	(111(11)23)	born Jan. 30, 1920.

Cora Lillian Dobbin (111(11)3) born at Clinton, Iowa: married First, H. C. Reynolds, had one Child, a daughter.

Thelma Lee Reynolds (111(11)31) born Dec. 13, 1917.

Second she married C. D. Clement. Her address at present (1935) is Converse Bldg Ap't. 32, Laramie, Wyo.

Edwin Gordon Dobbin (111(11)4) born at Chicago, Ill.: married on Dec. 23, 1916 Genevieve Emery, born in Brooklyn, N. Y. Is a business man, now in New York City, residing in his own home, 313 East Harriet Ave., Palisade Park, N. J.

They have two Children.

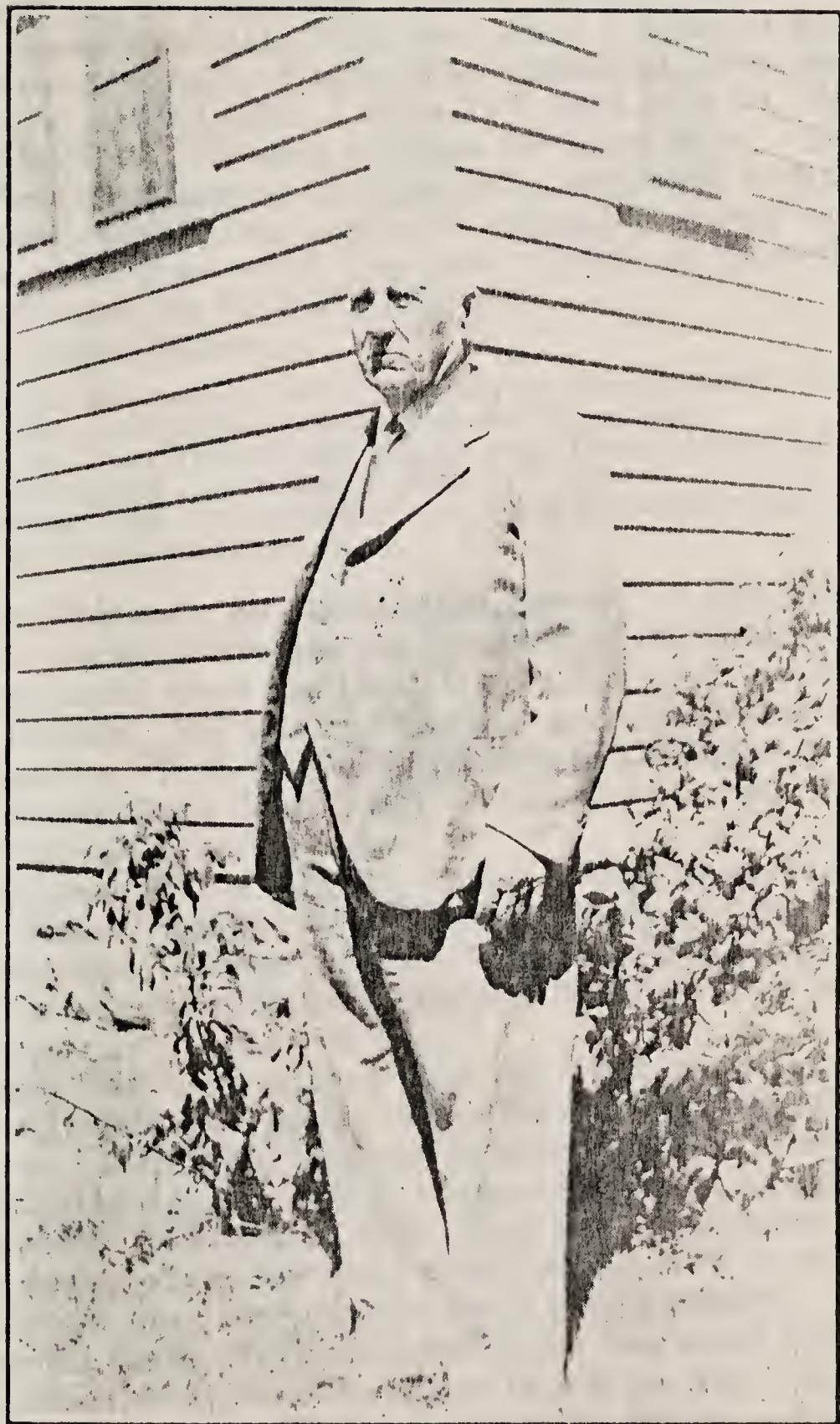
1	Philip Keppel	(111(11)41)	born Mar. 25, 1921.
2	Ethel Grace	(111(11)42)	born Aug. 13, 1922.

Alexander Dobbin (111(13)) born Aug. 15, 1843, near Greenwich, Washington County, N. Y.: married on Feb. 21, 1884, Catherine Zwilling, born Apr. 2, 1850, in DeKalb Co., Ind.: she died Feb. 17, 1920, in State Center, Iowa.

They had two Children.

1	Martha	(111(13)1)	born Apr. 11, 1887, at State Center, Iowa. Graduate of Grinnell College, degree A.B., degree A.M. from Univ. of California. After graduation she taught for a few years in Iowa, Oregon and California: at time of the World War she took a Civil Service
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ALEXANDER DOBBIN ON HIS NINETIETH BIRTHDAY



position, as editorial clerk in the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Washington, D. C. Since then she has been with her father in State Center during the Summer and usually in St. Petersburg, Florida, in the Winter.

2 Henry Alexander (111(13)2) born June 5, 1893, at State Center: Graduate of Iowa State College at Ames, married on Jan. 11, 1914, Lillian Taff, born July 20, 1892, at Peoria, Ill.: student at Ames for three years. They have a fine farm about four miles southwest of State Center, which they cultivate intensely, raising corn, grain and grass which they feed to herds of steers that they fatten for the Chicago Market.

They have three Children.

- 1 Robert Alexander (111(13)21) born at Panora, Iowa, Dec. 6, 1914: now (1935), a Junior at State College, Ames.
- 2 Daniel Henry (111(13)22) born at State Center, Iowa, June 27, 1916: First year student at Ames.
- 3 Kathryn Ann (111(13)23) born at State Center, Mar. 22, 1918: First year student at Ames.

Alexander Dobbin is an outstanding member of the Dobbin family. He was the thirteenth and youngest of the family; was seventeen years old when the Civil War started and he volunteered for Service. He was in Company A of the 123rd New York Volunteers. That Regiment contained a number of his "Dobbin" cousins; not all with Surname Dobbin, but Harrison, Moore and Nelson of Dobbin descent.

An Iowa newspaper of Aug. 16, 1933 contained an account of the "Open House" held by Miss Martha Dobbin at their home in State Center on Tuesday, Aug. 15, 1933, from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 o'clock in honor of her father's ninetieth birthday, from which the following extracts are made.

"Alexander Dobbin was born Aug. 15, 1843, at Greenwich, Washington County, New York. He is the only survivor of thirteen children. During his youth he attended the local schools of Greenwich and in August, 1862, at the age of eighteen, he enlisted in the army with Company A, 123rd New York Volunteers. He served for three years in the army, participating in all of the battles with his Company, including the battle of Gettysburg.

"During the battle of Chancellorsville he was taken prisoner and was confined in Richmond. Later he was paroled. He was also one of the soldiers that marched with Sherman through Georgia.

"Other high lights in the course of Mr. Dobbin's army life were the surrender of Gen. Lee and also the surrender of Joe Johnston, which he witnessed.

"He was mustered out of the army in June, 1865, and took part



in the Grand Review down Pennsylvania Avenue in Washington, D. C.

“From there he went back to his home in Greenwich, New York, and farmed the home place until 1872, when he sold out and with his sister and mother, came to Iowa. He settled on a farm south of State Center where Guy Eastman now resides.

“On Feb. 21, 1884, he married Catherine Zwilling. To this union, two children were born, a son, Henry who farms near State Center and a daughter, Martha, also of State Center. Mr. and Mrs. Dobbin continued to farm until 1902, when they moved to State Center. In 1920, Mrs. Dobbin passed away. Since that time, with the exception of two winters, Mr. Dobbin, accompanied by his daughter Martha, has been spending his winters in the south, mainly in Florida.

“Mr. Dobbin served for many years as township trustee in the country, was a member for ten years on the school board in the country and for one term in town. He also served as mayor of State Center for five years. He is a member of the O. G. Hunt Post G. A. R. and the Masonic lodge in State Center. In Florida, Mr. Dobbin belongs to the Shuffleboard Club and spends his days playing shuffleboard, dominoes and five hundred.”

John Dobbin (112) born Sept. 2, 1796, in Ireland : died Feb. 27, 1888, in Salem, N. Y. : married on Apr. 14, 1829, Rachel McLean, born May 22, 1801, died Aug. 29, 1849. He was the second son of William Dobbin (II) and the first of the family to come to America. He was a Cooper by trade and lived in Jackson, Washington Co., N. Y. : died in Salem, N. Y.

They had four Children (all born in Jackson, Wash. Co., N. Y.)

1	Isabel K.	(1121)	born Mar. 11, 1830.
2	Andrew S.	(1122)	born May 28, 1832.
3	James McLean	(1123)	born June 12, 1835.
4	Phebe T.	(1124)	born Jan. 8, 1842. (See Elsey).

Isabel K. Dobbin (1121) married on Mar. 11, 1830, Clark Hartwell. They migrated to Wisconsin.

James McLean Dobbin (1123) born June 12, 1835, in Washington Co., N. Y. : married Annette S. Stewart, born Jan. 23, 1840. He was a Soldier in the Civil War, received a mortal wound in the battle of Chickasaw Bayou, before Vicksburg, the last of December, 1862, dying Jan. 11, 1863.

They had two Children.

1	Dwight Stewart	(11231)	born Dec. 29, 1859 : died Aug. 8, 1863.
2	Joseph F.	(11232)	born in Aug. 1861 : died in March 1862.

Andrew S. Dobbin (1122) born May 28, 1832 : died May 24, 1907 : married on Oct. 1, 1857, Anna M. Fullerton, born Jan. 20, 1834 : died Dec. 19, 1891.

They had six Children.



1	Addison Henry	(11221)	born Jan. 7, 1861.
2	James McLean	(11222)	born Dec. 27, 1862.
3	Eliza Belle	(11223)	born Mar. 31, 1865: died Feb. 24, 1901, at the home of her brother, James McL. in Illinois.
4	Ralph Fullerton	(11224)	born Apr. 3, 1869: died Apr. 8, 1872.
5	Ira Merton	(11225)	born Dec. 3, 1875: died when about 21 years old.
6	Jessie Ella	(11226)	born Dec. 31, 1876.

Addison Henry Dobbin (11221) married on Oct. 11, 1888, Sarah E. Ives.

They have three Children.

1	Glen Ives	(112211)	born Feb. 13, 1891.
2	Merton Addison	(112212)	born Dec. 31, 1892.
3	Alice Jone	(112213)	born Sept. 11, 1897.

James McLean Dobbin (11222) born Dec. 27, 1862: farmer in DeKalb Co., Ill., married on Feb. 18, 1891, Eva Bartlett, born Sept. 12, 1861. In 1915 they went to Florida City, Fla., where they had their own home and where he died May 5, 1929.

They had one Child.

Flora Belle Dobbin (112221) born Dec. 20, 1891: married William Myers, born in Pennsylvania.

They have one Child.

Bonnie Belle Myers (1122211) born Oct. 29, 1920.

Jessie Ella Dobbin (11226) born Dec. 31, 1876: died Nov. 29, 1932, married on Aug. 28, 1901, David Herbert Struthers. Both Mr. and Mrs. Struthers have held positions of trust in public service. She was for years Secretary of the Craig Nebraska Public Schools while he has had different offices in Burt Co., Neb., such as Assessor and Treasurer of the County.

They had five Children.

Surname Struthers.

1	Helen Genevieve	(112261)	born Dec. 30, 1905: teacher in Douglas, Wyo., for several years.
2	Herbert Andrew	(112262)	born Oct. 14, 1908: married on Apr. 6, 1935, Alice Booth. He graduated from High School at seventeen and since then has been "on his own." He is an Expert in Electrical Refrigeration and Air Conditioning in Madison, Wisconsin.
3	Keith James	(112263)	born Sept. 24, 1912: now a Student in Mechanical Engineering, Univ. of Nebraska.
4	Russell Merton	(112264)	born May 27, 1914: now a Student in Law Univ. of Nebraska, has taken honors.
5	Burnetta Jean	(112265)	born Sept. 16, 1916: now at home but expecting soon to enter the Hospital Training School for Nurses.



## ELSEY FAMILY

Phebe T. Dobbin (1124) born Jan. 8, 1842, in Washington County, N. Y.: died Nov. 19, 1914, in Glenwood, Minn.: married on Dec. 19, 1861, Rev. Edward Graham Elsey.

They had ten Children (born in five different states). Surname Elsey.

1	John Knox	(11241)	born Oct. 23, 1862.
2	Rachel Annette	(11242)	born July 15, 1865, in Steuben Co., Ind.: died Dec. 16, 1869.
3	Susan Ida	(11243)	born Nov. 1, 1867, in Branch Co., Mich.: died Dec. 8, 1869.
4	James Ralph	(11244)	born June 11, 1870.
5	Ernest McLeod	(11245)	born Mar. 19, 1875.
6	David Bruce	(11246)	born May 11, 1877.
7	Florence May	(11247)	born Oct. 10, 1879.
8	Ethel Luella	(11248)	born Mar. 26, 1880.
9	Edward Robb	(11249)	born July 19, 1884, in Pope Co., Minn.: died July 14, 1885.
10	Phoebe Edna	(1124(10))	born Sept. 11, 1887: teacher in Detroit, Mich., Schools.

John Knox Elsey (11241) born Oct. 23, 1862, in Logan Co., Ohio: farmer: married 1st. on Feb. 26, 1890, Anna Eliza Cowie, born Jan. 1, 1863, the Mother of his seven Children: 2nd. on Sept. 1, 1913, Elizabeth McFarland, born June 21, 1872.

Seven Children. Surname Elsey.

1	Edward Lyall	(112411)	born Mar. 27, 1891.
2	Phoebe Isabella	(112412)	born Apr. 3, 1893.
3	Howard Clement	(112413)	born Aug. 13, 1895: died June 27, 1921.
4	Frances May	(112414)	born Feb. 18, 1898.
5	Eva Viola	(112415)	born July 6, 1900.
6	Anna Lois	(112416)	born May 23, 1903.
7	Ethel Jean	(112417)	born Aug. 17, 1905: Registered Nurse, practicing in Rochester, Minn.

Edward Lyall Elsey (112411) born Mar. 27, 1891. Auto mechanic, salesman and garage man, married Margaret Bingham, they have lived in Garden City, Kansas.

They have two children.

1	David Edward Elsey	(1124111)	born Sept. 6, 1917.
2	Anna Lois Elsey	(1124112)	born Jan. 3, 1919.

Phoebe Isabella Elsey (112412) born Apr. 3, 1893: married Robert Blair, a farmer, near Glenwood, Minn.

They have seven Children. Surname Blair.

1	John Ermel	(1124121)	born Aug. 16, 1914.
2	Ruth Janet	(1124122)	born April 5, 1917.
3	Edward Robert	(1124123)	born April 2, 1920.
4	James Dale	(1124124)	born April 7, 1922.
5	Phoebe Pauline	(1124125)	born July 29, 1924.
6	Helen Dorothy	(1124126)	born May 23, 1926.
7	George Milton	(1124127)	born May 8, 1928



Frances May Elsey (112414) born Feb. 18, 1898: married James Blair, a farmer, near Glenwood, Minn.

They have five Children. Surname Blair.

- 1 Florence Mae (1124141) born Aug. 20, 1919.
- 2 Raymond Elsey (1124142) born Dec. 19, 1922.
- 3 Edna Janet (1124143) born Aug. 22, 1926.
- 4 Mabel Jean (1124144) born Oct. 6, 1931.
- 5 Mary Alice (1124145) born Apr. 24, 1934.

Eva Viola Elsey (112415) born July 6, 1900. Registered Nurse in Rochester, Minn., married Richard James Feb. 19, 1931, a Hardware and Implement Merchant in Madelia, Minn.

They have three Children. Surname James.

- 1 Lois Kathryn (1124151) born Jan. 19, 1932.
- 2 Ralph Knox (1124152) born Jan. 24, 1933.
- 3 Richard Allen (1124153) born Jan. 4, 1935.

Anna Lois Elsey (112416) born May 23, 1903: Registered Nurse in Rochester, Minn.: married on February 13, 1932, Thomas William Dugale, an Electrician at Fort Wayne, Ind.

They have one Child.

Thomas William Dugale (1124161) born Nov. 8, 1933.

James Ralph Elsey (11244) born June 11, 1870, in Logan County, Ohio: Studied Medicine and is an M.D. now practicing in Glenwood, Minn.: married on Mar. 21, 1900, Bertha McClintock.

They have two Children.

- 1 Edward McClintock Elsey (112441) born Dec. 22, 1903: an M.D.
- 2 Robert Bruce Elsey (112442) born Jan. 3, 1905: died Jan. 25, 1927.

Ernest McLeod Elsey (11245) born Mar. 19, 1875, in Louisa, Iowa: married on Oct. 5, 1904, Inez Crawford. He is a Reformed Presbyterian Minister. They have two children.

- 1 Crawford Elsey (112451) born Sept. 1, 1905: He was a Medical Student in 1928.
- 2 Mildred Elsey (112452) born May 30, 1907: Sales woman in 1928 in Cincinnati, Ohio.

David Bruce Elsey (11246) born May 11, 1877: married on Dec. 16, 1909, Edith Day. He was for years a Minister of the R. P. Denomination, having his last pastorate in a Church near Newburgh, N. Y., resigning to move with his family to Beaver Falls, Penn., in order that his Children might have a College Education.

They have three Daughters.

- 1 Edith Elsey (112461) born Nov. 8, 1910.
- 2 Dorothy Elsey (112462) born Aug. 13, 1913.
- 3 Rosamond Elsey (112463) born April 20, 1917.

At the Dobbin Reunion Picnic, Saratoga Lake, N. Y., on Aug. 14th, 1934, the Rev. Bruce Elsey and daughter Edith arrived, on



time, after "hitch-hiking" from Beaver Falls, Penn., three or four hundred miles away. Edith, a Student in Beaver College, was treated as a heroine and immediately became a favorite with young men cousins, Students in Harvard, Colgate and Hope College.

Florence May Elsey (11247) born October 10, 1879: died Oct. 20, 1919: married on July 5, 1913, S. Fattal.

They had two Children.

1	Helen Fattal	(112471)	born May 1, 1913.
2	Florence Fattal	(112472)	born July 17, 1917.

Ethel Luella Elsey (11248) born Mar. 26, 1882: died Jan. 22, 1923; married on Dec. 16, 1909, Elton Roby.

They had two Children.

1	Edward Roby	(112481)	born Aug. 19, 1916.
2	Elman Roby	(112482)	born Feb. 20, 1919.

Joseph Dobbin (113) third son of William Dobbin (11) was born in Ireland July 5, 1899, came to America in 1824 with his father and mother, brothers and sisters, except the two oldest brothers, Samuel and John, who had preceded by several years. He was a Cooper by trade. He married on March 4, 1930, his own cousin, Martha Simpson Dobbin (132) born Oct. 27, 1805, in Washington County, N. Y.

They had seven Children.

1	Margaret Jane	(1131)	born Apr. 19, 1831.
2	James	(1132)	born June 29, 1833.
3	John Weir	(1133)	born April 10, 1835.
4	William	(1134)	born Dec. 17, 1836: died
5	Samuel Miller	(1135)	born Jan. 9, 1839: died June 28, 1839.
6	Thomas Lyle	(1136)	born Jan. 17, 1841.
7	Martha Ann	(1137)	born Mar. 15, 1843: died May 13, 1890.

Margaret Jane Dobbin (1131) born April 19, 1831, married on Mar. 6, 1849, James McClaughry, the Rev. C. B. Lambert performing the ceremony.

They had twelve Children, all born in Washington, Co., N. Y. Surname McClaughry.

1	Oscar Thomas	(11311)	born Dec. 19, 1849: married Mary Lawrence. They had one Son. John Lawrence McClaughry (113111).
2	Charles Albert	(11312)	born Oct. 22, 1851: married Mary Hanks. They had four Children. Surname McClaughry.
1	Frank		
2	Lucille		
3	Stewart		
4	Marguerite		
3	Sarah Jane	(11313)	born July 26, 1853: died Sept. 2, 1931. Late in life she married William Clough, a widower.
4	John Alexander	(11314)	died when twelve years old.
5	Martha Ann	(11315)	died when two years old.
6	Mary Rosamond	(11316)	born Mar. 14, 1860: married late in life, John Lourie, now deceased.



7	James	(11317)	born June 30, 1863: married Alice Brady, of Salem, N. Y.: living in Chula Vista, California (1935), a few miles south of San Diego: no Children.
8	William Ezra	(11318)	born Dec. 5, 1865: married but has no Children: in Real Estate business in Rochester, N. Y.
9	Margaret May	(11319)	died in youth.
10	Helen Marion	(1131(10))	died in youth.
11	Emma Maria	(1131(11))	President of Scott-Voelker Hardware Co., North Pearl St., Albany, N. Y.; owns the old homestead on the Salem-Hebron road where her sister, Rose, Mrs. Lourie, now lives. has lived in California several years. His address in Jan., 1935, 247 So. Flower St., Los Angeles.
12	Morrison Joseph	(1131(12))	

John Weir Dobbin (1133) born Apr. 10, 1835: married on Nov. 22, 1860, Anna M. Wells who died Sept. 22, 1876. They lived in Salem Township, Washington County, N. Y.

They had Six Children.

1	Charles Henry	(11331)	born Dec. 3, 1861: died Apr. 11, 1935: married but had no Children. He attended the Shattuck School, Faribault, Minn., of which his Uncle, Dr. James Dobbin, was Rector. He spent his business life in New York State in various positions, the last few years as Treasurer of the Cadillac Garage Co. of Saratoga Spa., N. Y.
2	Cornelia	(11332)	born Jan. 21, 1863: died Jan. 16, 1864.
3	Jane Alice	(11333)	born July 29, 1864: died Sept. 27, 1888.
4	Fanny Leigh	(11334)	born Jan. 6, 1867: married Robert E. Van Deusen, now deceased. She has recently lived in Atlanta, Ga.
5	Susan Bassett	(11335)	born June 20, 1871: Stenographer and Secretary: at one time with Eugene Ashley, Glens Falls, N. Y.: later occupying position in Albany and Troy, N. Y., and Atlanta, Ga.
6	John Edgar	(11336)	born Feb. 4, 1875: Christened Edgar Leigh: when seven months old his mother died and he was adopted by his Uncle, Dr. Dobbin, of Faribault: his name was changed to John Edgar to avoid confusion, as Dr. Dobbin's own boy of same age was named Edward. John Edgar now lives in Billings, Mont.

Thomas Lyle Dobbin (1136) born Jan. 17, 1841: has been away from his Dobbin relatives for many years: he is said to have fought in the Civil War: to have enlisted twice: to have been a farmer and Justice of Peace in Union County, Penna.: to have been married and to have had two sons.



## DR. DOBBIN OF FARIBAULT

Rev. James Dobbin was born in Argyle, New York, June 29th, 1833. He was educated in Argyle Academy and Union College, from which latter Institution he graduated with the highest honors in 1857.

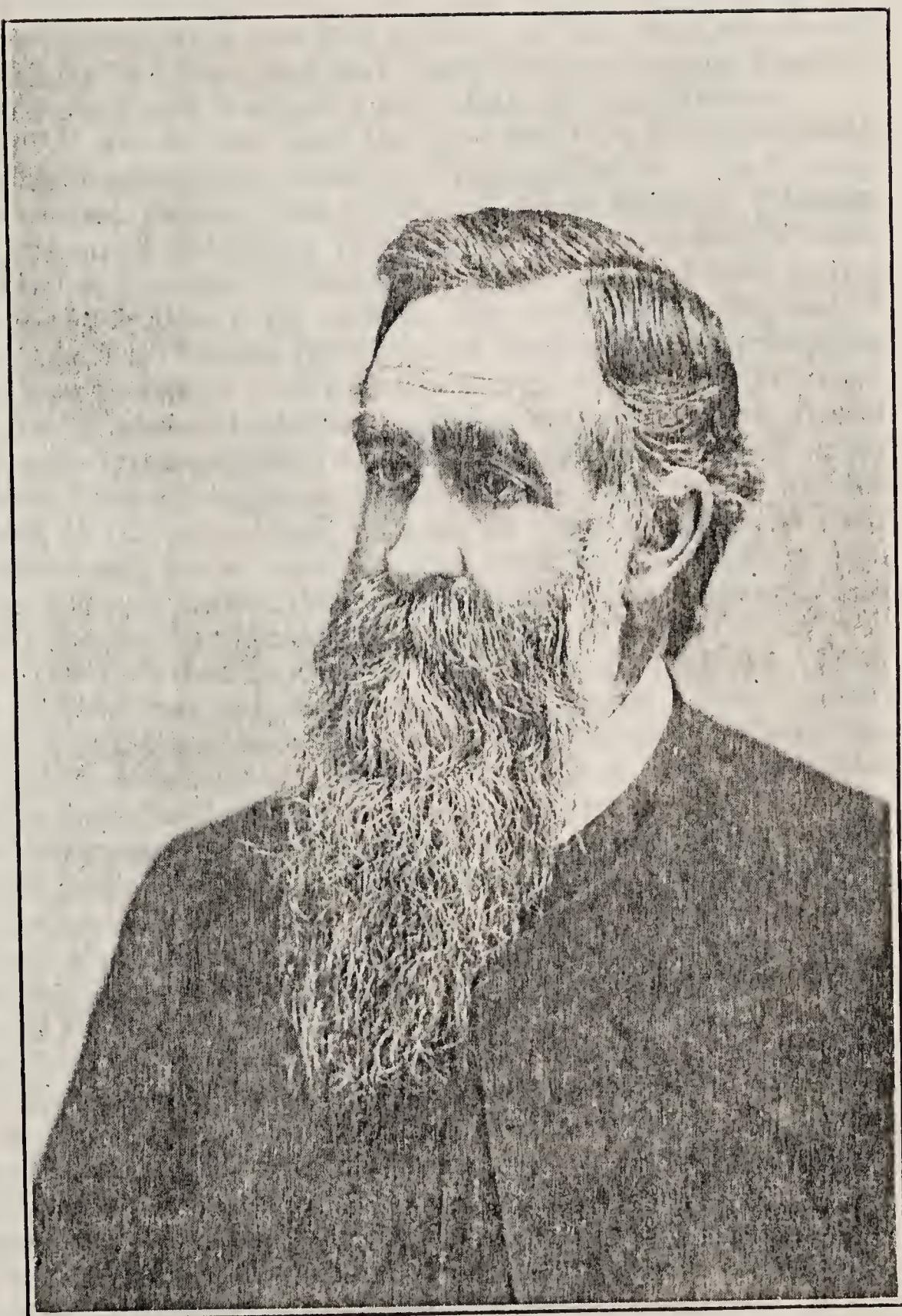
He was from early life distinguished as a teacher, and even before his graduation from College was elected the Head of Argyle Academy, which position had been previously held by an uncle. Having filled this post for two years, in 1859 he decided to spend his vacation in Minnesota with Dr. J. Lloyd Breck, whom he knew well, and who was then doing the pioneer work which resulted in the splendid Church foundations which are at Faribault, Minnesota. At this time James Dobbin formed a strong personal friendship with Bishop Whipple of the Episcopal Church who was elected Bishop of the Diocese of Minnesota the same year, and went to Faribault to begin his wonderful work. The friendship thus formed lasted throughout their lives.

When James Dobbin stepped from the stage coach, there were no railroads in Minnesota, he was warmly greeted by the pioneer teachers. The need of workers was great and he was immediately pressed into service. Fired by the spirit of these enthusiastic Missionaries he immediately began teaching in their Mission School and before the end of his vacation, was persuaded to resign his position in the east and stay in Minnesota to help them. At the end of a year, however, urged by the insistent appeals of the trustees of Argyle Academy he returned to his work in New York. Shortly after this he was married to Jane Leigh and from this union a daughter, Jessie Leigh (Dobbin) Davis, was born.

It seemed impossible for him to forget the work in Minnesota. The leaven was working. He could not keep his mind from the magnificent possibilities which existed in the foundation which had been begun, or the character of the men who were undertaking it. In 1864 he wrote to Bishop Whipple and Doctor Breck of the conviction of duty which possessed him and asked if there was work which he might do. At the very same time, so that the letters crossed, Bishop Whipple and Doctor Breck wrote him asking if there was a possibility of his seeing his way clear to come to them. Doctor Dobbin considered that a Divine answer to his question. These letters he carried with him throughout his life and they lie buried with him in the crypt at Shattuck School.

With the arrival of these letters he hesitated no longer but disposing of his affairs, he immediately exchanged the safety and security of a settled position for the life and privations of a frontier Missionary; with no comforts or conveniences and with dangers and hazards which had to be encountered amidst hostile





REV. JAMES DOBBIN, D.D. (1132)



and savage Indians. The school itself was surrounded by a stockade, and a constant guard was maintained over the Ojibway children who were attending the school in the territory of the Sioux. James Dobbin received a salary of less than one-fourth that which he had been paid and while teaching entered Seabury Divinity School as a student, a candidate for Holy Orders.

In 1867 it was decided that the time was ripe for establishing a Boys' School separate from the Divinity School. On Trinity Sunday James Dobbin was graduated from Seabury Divinity School and on the following Thursday he was appointed Warden of Seabury and Rector of Shattuck School. He had been in full charge for some time prior to this. He continued as Warden of Seabury until 1871 when the duties of Shattuck became so great that he was unable to continue the charge of Seabury although he still held classes at that school. From the year 1869 on, classes were regularly graduated from Shattuck School. Many noted men in all lines of endeavor, to say nothing of the rank and file look back to this school and its head as the foundation of their educational and moral careers. The work would not have been possible had not James Dobbin used his personal credit and integrity for the furtherance of the work.

Jane (Leigh) Dobbin died in 1865 and on April 6th, 1874, James Dobbin married Elizabeth Laura Bacon (Mrs. Ames). From this union was born one son Edward Savage Dobbin, May 14th, 1876. Mrs. Dobbin immediately took a vital interest in Shattuck School and greatly assisted James Dobbin with his work. In 1884 they removed from Shattuck School where, up to this time they had made their home, and purchased a home about a mile from the school. Here they boarded several of the younger boys and those who seemed to need special care and supervision.

Recognizing the great need in 1900, with the approval and advice of Bishop Whipple and other friends he started a foundation similar to Shattuck for little boys. This was subsequently called St. James. Having no funds he was obliged to take them into his own home. The following year he gave up his private life and home to this work, and removed to rooms in Shattuck School. With a most capable and conscientious Headmaster, Professor F. E. Jenkins and Mrs. Jenkins, this work also prospered and grew from a small handful to a school of more than fifty boys,—the capacity of the accommodations.

Being a firm believer in preparedness and the value of discipline, when an act was passed by Congress allowing each state to have an Army officer to teach Military Science, James Dobbin made application to the War Department to secure the appointment for Shattuck School. In 1868 Major A. E. Lattimer was detailed for this duty. At first the boys used sticks for guns but



in 1871 Shattuck received a grant of 120 stands of arms and two field pieces. This was the first detail and first grant to any institution of learning. The School has always stood in the first rank among the secondary schools of the country.

In 1914 he was made Rector Emeritus of Shattuck School and retired to California. Every building on the spacious campus, valued at nearly a million dollars, and even the campus itself, once a deep ravine, had been constructed under his watchful eyes. The very existence of the school and its continued prosperity were due entirely to his character, ability and foresight. He took charge when there were only two boys and left with an enrollment of 206 during his last year. He left the school practically out of debt, and had he remained another year it would have been completely so.

Dr. Dobbin lived for four years after he took up his residence in California, dying May 18th, 1918. His remains were placed in a crypt under the altar at Shattuck School.

James Dobbin graduated from Argyle academy, . . . Union college in 1857, Seabury Divinity School in 1867 and received the degree, Doctor of Divinity, from Trinity College in 1888.

See also, Who's Who in America, Vol. X, p. 754.

Jessie Leigh Dobbin (11321) born July 29, 1862: married on June 12, 1883, George Carl Davis.

They had two Children.

- 1 James Leigh Davis (113211) born Sept. 2, 1885.
- 2 George Willis Davis (113212) born Oct. 31, 1887: died Mar. 19, 1895.

James Leigh Davis (113211) born Sept. 2, 1885: married on June 7, 1911, Ethel Hansord, born in Bozeman, Mont.

They have three sons.

- 1 George Wesland (1132111) born Jan. 12, 1913.
- 2 Leigh Hansord (1132112) born Feb. 20, 1915.
- 3 Robert McKay (1132113) born Aug. 28, 1925.

Mrs. Davis, her son and grandsons, now live in Billings, Mont.

Edward S. Dobbin (11322) born May 14, 1876, graduate of Trinity College, Hartford, Conn., has been Manager of the City of Long Beach, Cal., was such at the time of the severe earthquake and was generally complimented for the able manner in which he handled the situation. He married Bertha Chase. They have one Child.

- 1 James Chase Dobbin (113221) born Mar. 13, 1911: Graduate of New Mexico State College; has two degrees, E.E. and M.E.

Martha Ann Dobbin (1137) born March 15, 1843: she never married: lived with her parents near Cossayuna, Wash. Co., N.



Y.: when over forty years old, she contracted consumption (tuberculosis of the lungs): she tried to throw off the dread disease by change of climate. From her letters to Cousin "Nellie," Eleanor Dobbin (156) of Rock Hill, Cossayuna, Greenwich Township, N. Y., we learn her whereabouts in 1888 and 1889:

June 9, 1888, Lincolnville, Crawford Co., Penn.; April 1-25, 1889, Peotone, Kansas; Aug. 27-Oct. 2, 1889, Yuma, Colorado; Oct. 14, 1889, Colorado Springs, Col.; Nov. 20, 1889, and Jan. 14, 1890, Denver, Col.

One of her letters that, unfortunately, has the first sheet missing and, consequently, the place and date, contains her resolution to begin a history of the Dobbin Family. The letter was probably written from her cousin's, William John Dobbin (1191) oldest son of David Miller Dobbin, "Uncle D." "Uncle W." was William Miller Dobbin (116) and "Aunt Mary" was Mary Dobbin Nelson (11(10)).

Quotation from this letter.

"I know it is hard work for you to write, but I must ask some questions. A History of the Dobbin family has been wished for and talked of for some time, and seeing no prospect of any one else undertaking it, I have commenced it myself. Uncle D., Uncle W. and Aunt Mary have told all they can remember of their parents, grandparents and uncles, but are in doubt about some things which we think you and Margaret with Uncle Sam's family may remember. Have you any old record that we could use? (you need not send it—I will get it when I go east). When did your father come to this country and where did he land? I do not expect you to write every thing, but would like Uncle David's opinion of every thing as far as possible."

She died May 13, 1890, at her brother's home in East Greenwich, N. Y., and was buried in the Salem Cemetery.

#### THE McALLISTER FAMILY

Jane Dobbin (115) born Apr. 7, 1804, in Connagher, Ireland: died Dec. 15, 1881, in Sandwich, Ill.: married James McAllister, born in 1798 in Scotland: died July 19, 1867, in Clinton Township, De Kalb County, Ill. They came to America in 1824 with their three months' old baby, Margaret, on the same vessel as her father William Dobbin and the rest of his family, all, except the two oldest sons, Samuel and John, who had preceded them by a few years.

From the Somonauk Book, p. 169,—During the voyage the baby became so ill with whooping-cough that the captain of the ship told the mother she might as well throw it overboard as it would not live to cross the ocean. The blunt captain's prediction failed, for Margaret lived and brought up a family, and reached the good old age of ninety-three years.

The family lived in Washington County, N. Y., until about 1835, when they migrated to South Washington, Marion County,



Ohio. They again migrated in 1848 to De Kalb County, Ill., where they settled on the southeast corner of section 36, Clinton Township. They early united with the Somonauk Church. They had twelve Children.

		Surname McAllister	
1	Margaret	(1151)	born Jan. 6, 1824: died Oct. 16, 1916; married John Van Natta.
2	Mary	(1152)	born Feb. 7, 1826.
3	Eliza	(1153)	born Nov. 12, 1827: died Oct. 17, 1917; married George Smith; lived in Aledo, Ill.
4	Martha	(1154)	born Mar. 6, 1830: died in Feb., 1880; married 1st. August Breese, 2nd. William Smith.
5	William J.	(1155)	born March 15, 1832.
6	James W.	(1156)	born July 1, 1834.
7	Sarah	(1157)	born Feb. 5, 1839.
8	Ellen	(1158)	born Aug. 3, 1842: married David Elsey.
9	Esther	(1159)	born Sept. 2, 1844.
10	Anna	(115(10))	born July 8, 1846.
11	Isabel	(115(11))	born Sept. 1, 1848: died June 2, 1892; never married.
12	Samuel	(115(12))	born Dec. 17, 1850: died April 17, 1868; killed trying to stop a runaway team.

Mary McAllister (1152) born Feb. 7, 1826, in Washington County, N. Y.; died Dec. 1, 1911, at her home in Paw Paw, Ill.; married first, on Mar. 20, 1850, John Christie; married second, Moses Bartlett.

William J. McAllister (1155) born Mar. 15, 1832, in Washington County, N. Y.: died Feb. 9, 1879; married Addie Favor of Plano, Ill. He was a Soldier in the Civil War, enlisting in the summer of 1862; was in Company H, 105th Illinois Volunteers; discharged at close of the war in June, 1865; graduated from Monmouth College in 1870. After a theological course he became pastor of a church in Iowa. His career in the Ministry was short but effective.

James William McAllister (1156) born July 1, 1834: died Mar. 10, 1921; married on Dec. 16, 1864, Mary Ann Graham, born Dec. 5, 1841, in Ohio. He was about fourteen when his father and mother and their family settled on the S.E. section, No. 36, in Clinton Township. He remained on that farm seventy-three years, until his death. They had eight Children, all of whom early in life became members of the Somonauk United Presbyterian Church.

		Surname McAllister	
1	Ward	(11561)	born Dec. 4, 1866.
2	Helen	(11562)	born Nov. 9, 1868.
3	Robert James	(11563)	born Nov. 4, 1871.
4	Margaret	(11564)	born Dec. 25, 1873.



5	Russell	(11565)	born June 11, 1876: died Jan. 29, 1896, while a Student in Monmouth College.
6	Mary Belle	(11566)	born Dec. 15, 1878.
7	Sarah Jane	(11567)	born Dec. 24, 1881: died June 6, 1902.
8	William John	(11568)	born May 18, 1886, named for his father's chum, Cousin William John Dobbin (1191); graduate of Mon- mouth College; in business in Mon- mouth; married Maida Gowdy.

Ward McAllister (11561) born Dec. 4, 1866: farmer: married on Feb. 10, 1897, Mary Gray.

They have six Children.

		Surname McAllister	
1	James Russell	(115611)	born May 2, 1899.
2	Ella Cecil	(115612)	born July 22, 1900.
3	Ralph Graham	(115613)	born March 5, 1902: graduate Mon- mouth Col. and Rush Medical; Physi- cian in De Kalb, Ill.
4	Mary Edna	(115614)	born Feb. 27, 1905.
5	Reba Lucile	(115615)	born Dec. 26, 1906.
6	Donald Gray	(115616)	born May 17, 1913: Student at Black- burn Col., Carlingville, Ill.

James Russell McAllister (115611) born May 2, 1899: Univ. of Ill., one year; farmer; married Jan. 23, 1924, Gladys Keene. They have three Children.

		Surname McAllister	
1	Orland Wardell	(1156111)	born Jan. 10, 1925.
2	Merel James	(1156112)	born Mar. 5, 1927.
3	William Elton	(1156113)	born Feb. 27, 1931.

Ella Cecil McAllister (115612) born July 22, 1900: Monmouth College two years; teacher; married on June 2, 1921, Lawrence Whitford, Grocer in Waterman.

They have one Child.

1 Mary Caroline Whitford (1156121) born Mar. 18, 1923.

Mary Edna McAllister (115614) born Feb. 27, 1905: Monmouth College two years: teacher; married on June 14, 1930, Russel Rasmussen, Farm Advisor, DeKalb County.

They have two Children.

1 Mary Ann Rasmussen (1156141) born July 20, 1931.  
2 Roger Ward Rasmussen (1156142) born May 6, 1934.

Reba Lucile McAllister (115615) born Dec. 26, 1906: Monmouth Coll. 2 years; Teacher two years; married Fraser Hipple, farmer.

They have two Children.

1 Thomas Edgar Hipple (1156151)  
2 James Kenneth Hipple (1156152) born Sept. 3, 1934.

Helen McAllister (11562) born Nov. 9, 1868: died Dec. 1, 1908:



married on Oct. 3, 1894, Albert Winter, Supt. Oakmound Cemetery, Somonauk.

They have four Children.

1 Ruth Winter (115621) born March 13, 1896: married on Jan. 26, 1916, Clyde Parks, farmer.

They had four Children.

	Surname Parks	
1	Samuel Kenneth	(1156211) born Mar. 6, 1917: died in Nov., 1920.
2	Helen Elizabeth	(1156212) born Aug. 1, 1921.
3	Grace Lucille	(1156213) born Feb. 14, 1924.
4	Margaret Ruth	(1156214) born March 31, 1927.
2	Eva Maria Winter	(115622) born Sept. 3, 1898: married on Dec. 25, 1924, Jesse Hutter.

They have one Child.

1	Donald Jesse Hutter	(1156221) born Nov. 17, 1934.
3	Paul Kenneth Winter	(115623) born Nov. 16, 1902: Grad. Muskingum Col., Ohio; Master's degree and Doctor's degree from Univ. of Ohio.
4	James Everett Winter	(115624) born July 7, 1905: Grad. Monmouth Col.; Chemist, Inland Steel Co.; married on June 13, 1931, Annie Hutter.

They have one Child.

1 Dorothy Ann Winter (1156241) born in November, 1932.

Robert James McAllister (11563) born Nov. 4, 1871: Farmer; married Oct. 12, 1898, Jeannette B. Kirkpatrick.

They had three Children.

1	Lois Kathryn McAllister	(115631) born July 22, 1900: Grad. Muskingum; Teacher in Kenosha, Wis.
2	Leslie Kirk McAllister	(115632) born Sept. 26, 1902: died July 23, 1920.
3	Sara Jeannette McAllister	(115633) born June 26, 1907: married Clarence Baie; Farmer.

They have two Children.

1	Estella Jane Baie	(1156331) born in June, 1926.
2	Clara Baie	(1156332) born July 1, 1927.

Margaret McAllister (11564) born Dec. 25, 1873: died Apr. 2, 1907: married on Jan. 3, 1901, Rev. Elzie R. Mitchell, Methodist Minister; Pastorate in Ottumwa, Iowa.

They had three Children. Surname Mitchell.

1 Sarah Eloise (115641) born Apr. 8, 1903: married on Dec. 25, 1927, Preston Johnson, Instructor in Colorado Springs Schools.

They have one Child.

1	Marilyn Johnson	(1156411) born July 24, 1931.
2	Erma Belle	(115642) born July 17, 1904.
3	Russell E.	(115643) born Feb. 4, 1906: married in 1930.



They have one Child.

1 Donald Mitchell (11156431) born Mar. 15, 1931.

Mary Belle McAllister (11566) born Dec. 15, 1878: Student, Monmouth Col.; married on Oct. 5, 1904, John S. Thompson; Farmer, Hinckley, Ill.

They have five Children. Surname Thompson.

1 Mary Genevieve (115661) born Aug. 14, 1905: Educated N. Illinois Teachers' Co.; Teacher, Chicago Heights Schools.

2 Margaret Bernice (115662) born June 8, 1908: Educ. Nurses' Training; married Sept. 30, 1933, Karl Boekenhauer, Farmer.

They have one Child.

1 Karl Duane Boekenhauer (1156621) born Sept. 2, 1934.

3 James Robert (115663) born Oct. 21, 1910: Educ. Univ. of Ill.; Lewis Institute; Research Hospital in Chicago; married on Sept. 1, 1934, Agnes Swanson.

4 John Leroy (115664) born May 26, 1912: Educ. DeKalb Teachers' Col.

5 Betty Jean (115665) born Oct. 18, 1921.

Sarah McAllister (1157) born Feb. 5, 1839: died July 28, 1918, in Seattle, Wash.: married in December, 1857, James Graham, born Feb. 28, 1836, in Reynoldsburg, Ohio: died Mar. 30, 1870. They were members of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, later the United Presbyterian of Somonauk.

They had three Children.

1 A daughter who died in infancy.

2 Jennie Millie Graham (11572) born Nov. 10, 1861.

3 George Dean Graham (11573) born April 28, 1865, in DeKalb Co., Ill.: lives in Seattle, Wash.; member of First United Presbyterian Church of that city.

Jennie Millie Graham (11572) born Nov. 10, 1861: married on Mar. 7, 1882, A. H. Nicol. She is a Missionary of the United Presbyterian Church in Southern Cal.; has resided in Los Angeles and other cities of Los Angeles County.

They had three Children. Surname Nicol.

1 Ethel (115721) married C. E. Johnson.

They have four Children.

Surname Johnson

1 Delbert (1157211) deceased.

2 Helen (1157212)

3 Ruth (1157213)

4 Peggy (1157214)

2 Erma (115722) married Arthur Houden (deceased).

3 Helen (115723) married Harold J. Houden.



They have two Children.

1	Gordon Leslie Houden	(1157231)
2	Jean Houden	(1157232)

William Miller Dobbin (116) born July, 1806, in Connagher, County Antrim, Ireland: came to America with his father's family in 1824; married Mehitable Milliman, of Hoosac, N. Y., migrated to Henderson County, Ill., in 1842. They are said to have had a family of seven sons and two daughters, but all efforts to get exact information on this family have failed, except in the case of the youngest son, Miller, whose son, William H. Dobbin, of Viola, Kansas, has furnished complete data.

From old letters written by Martha Ann Dobbin (1137) in 1888, we learn that the son, William, was working for Thompson, in Stronghurst, at that time; the daughter, Mary, was "not very strong"; the son, James, was married in Texas in June; and the youngest daughter, Margaret Clark, was living in Stronghurst, hence we infer that Margaret had married a man by the name of Clark.

Martha Dobbin (111(13)1) of State Center, Iowa, with her father, stopped in Stronghurst in May, 1935, and found descendants of David Dobbin, one of William Miller Dobbin's (116) children. She reported five Children of said David Dobbin, now living in and around Stronghurst, to wit: David Cleveland Dobbin; Nellie Dobbin; Mrs. Minnie Dobbin Hise, who has three or four children; Walter Dobbin; Florence Dobbin (deceased).

She found that Joseph Dobbin, a son of William Miller (116), died at Norfolk, Neb., in 1933.

There is a Jim Dobbin in LeGrande, Oregon, and Margaret Dobbin and Mrs. Hattie Ewin in Portland, Oregon, that may be descendants of William Miller Dobbin.

Miller Dobbin (1169) born May 23, 1848: died August 16, 1923: ninth and youngest of William Miller Dobbin's nine Children; married Jan. 28, 1874, Sarah E. Brown who died May 13, 1930.

They had six Children.

1	Addie Mahitable	(11691)	born Aug. 30, 1875.
2	William Henry	(11692)	born Jan. 2, 1878.
3	Eva Leone	(11693)	born May 15, 1880.
4	Harry Martin	(11694)	born Feb. 21, 1883.
5	Thomas Miller	(11695)	born Jan. 7, 1886.
6	John Harmon	(11696)	born May 17, 1890.

Addie Mahitable Dobbin (11691) born Aug. 30, 1875: married on Aug. 29, 1906, Joseph G. Fuqua.

They have four Children. Surname Fuqua.

1	Willard Haskel	(116911)	born May 29, 1908.
2	Geneva Leone	(116912)	born May 22, 1910.



3 Floyd Merrill (116913) born Jan. 28, 1913.  
 4 Mildred Elizabeth (116914) born Nov. 7, 1914.

William Henry Dobbin (11692) born Jan. 2, 1878: married on May 28, 1903, Ethel J. Grimsley.

They have six Children.

1 Harold Warren (116921) born June 10, 1904.  
 2 Hazel Margaret (116922) born Jan. 17, 1908: married on May 4, 1928, Robert Heckard.  
 3 Beulah Bernice (116923) born Jan. 26, 1910: married on July 26, 1930, Dean Pittenger.

They have one Child.

1 William Dean Pittenger (1169231) born Feb. 4, 1932.  
 4 Helen Leone (116924) born June 29, 1914: married Dec. 31, 1931, Elmore Foster.  
 5 Gerald Franklin (116925) born July 25, 1916.  
 6 Donald Miller (116926) born Jan. 3, 1919.

Harry Martin Dobbin (11694) born Feb. 21, 1883: married on Nov. 5, 1901, Maude Stewart.

They have two Children.

1 Herschell Miller Dobbin (116941) born Apr. 6, 1906: married on Aug. 19, 1930, Minnie K. Ball.

They have one Child.

1 Dorothy Ann Dobbin (1169411) born Apr. 30, 1932.  
 2 Raymond Stewart Dobbin (116942) born Feb. 26, 1920.

Thomas Miller Dobbin (11695) born Jan. 7, 1886: died Jan. 13, 1927: married on June 3, 1909, R. Alma Porter.

They have two Children.

1 Thomas Merle Dobbin (116951) born Sept. 16, 1914.  
 2 Lois Maxine Dobbin (116952) born Apr. 14, 1917.

John Harmon Dobbin (11696) born May 17, 1890: married on Nov. 5, 1913, Olive P. Koylek.

They have two Children.

1 Bessie Marie Dobbin (116961) born Feb. 16, 1916.  
 2 Jane Ellen Dobbin (116962) born May 9, 1922.

David Miller Dobbin (119) born Jan. 31, 1813, in Connagher, near Ballymoney, County Antrim, Ireland. Came to America with his father's (William Dobbin) family in 1824. See Martha Dobbin's account of his early life (Appendix 2). He married three times, all three wives, Washington Co. N. Y. girls. He married first on Jan. 18, 1836, Charity Graham; born Aug. 11, 1816; died June 14, 1839; second, Mary Jane French; born Oct. 26, 1819; died Jan. 27, 1848; third, Eliza Stott; born Feb. 17, 1817; died Oct. 25, 1903.



		Children of Charity Graham
1	William John	(1191) born Dec. 5, 1836.
2	Mary Jane	(1192) born Mar. 18, 1839: died Aug. 16, 1839.
		Children of Mary Jane French
3	Margaret Ann	(1193) born Dec. 1, 1844: died Jan. 2, 1875: They had one Child.
		married Aug. 28, 1872, Thomas Irwin.
4	James Blair	Baby Irwin (11931) born Dec. 11, 1874: died Dec. 29, 1874. (1194) born Oct. 13, 1847.
		Children of Eliza Stott
5	Sarah Mary	(1195) born June 15, 1853.
6	Eliza Jane	(1196) born June 29, 1855.
7	Isabel Agnes	(1197) born Feb. 24, 1857.
8	Emma	(1198) born Sept. 4, 1859.

William John Dobbin (1191) born Dec. 5, 1836, in Washington Co., N. Y.: died July 8, 1922, in Viola Kansas. When young he was an active member of the Somonauk Church. He married first, on June 9, 1859, Sarah Ann Stewart, born Aug. 9, 1837; died Dec. 13, 1880, in DeKalb County, Ill. He married second, on Feb. 28, 1882, his cousin, Nancy Ferguson.

His family consisted of six Children.

1	Albert	(11911) born Mar. 28, 1860.
2	Henry George	(11912) born June 9, 1863.
3	Charity Agnes	(11913) born Jan. 2, 1866.
4	Mabel	(11914) born Oct. 4, 1870.
5	Stewart	(11915) born Oct. 4, 1870.
6	Benjamin Miller	(11916) born Dec. 12, 1880.

Albert Dobbin (11911) born Mar. 28, 1860, in DeKalb County, Ill.: died Dec. 10, 1924; married First on Mar. 27, 1883, Clara Graham; born Feb. 27, 1864; died Mar. 27, 1894, at Viola, Kansas.

1 They had one Child (119111) died in infancy.

He married second, in California where he lived after 1894, Louise Adams Benson: born June 10, 1862; died near Chino, Cal., Dec. 10, 1923.

They had one Child.

2 Silvia Helen Dobbin (119112) born Jan. 20, 1900: married Earl Dawson.

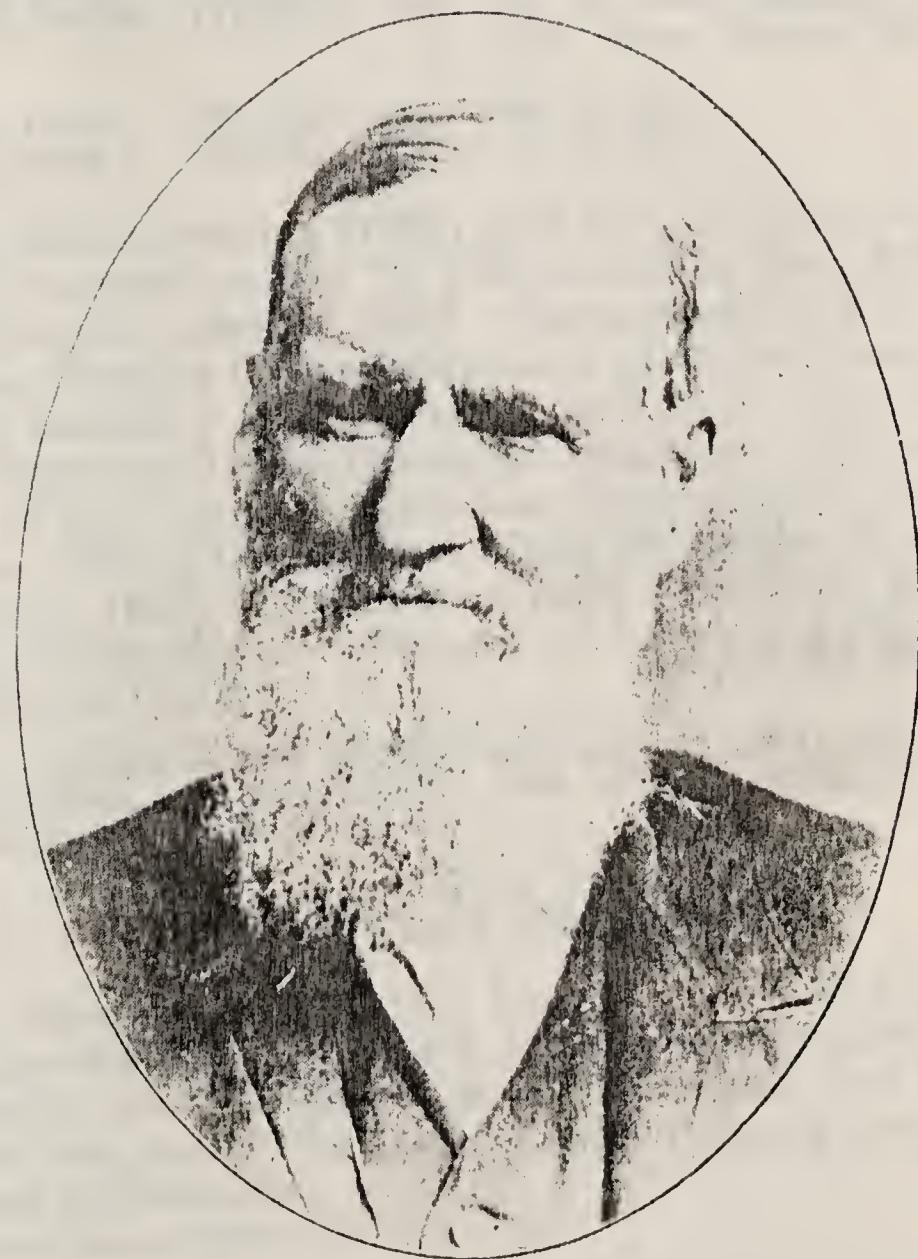
Henry George Dobbin (11912) born June 9, 1863, in DeKalb Co., Ill.; died Dec. 18, 1905; married on Feb. 21, 1901, Mrs. Mary Livingston Nighswonger; born Feb. 21, 1869.

They had two children.

1	Marjorie M.	(119121) born May 23, 1904.
2	Juanita H.	(119122) born June 7, 1906: died July 30, 1908.

Stewart Dobbin (11915) born Oct. 4, 1870 in DeKalb County, Ill.: married on Feb. 20, 1896, near Viola, Kan., May Graham; born Nov. 25, 1872, in Iowa.





DAVID MILLER DOBBIN (119)



They have five Children.

1 Wilda M. (119151) born Oct. 5, 1897: married on June 2, 1927, Erry Bunker.

They have one Child.

1 Phylis Joan Bunker (1191511) born July 28, 1931.  
2 Glen (119152) born Sept. 22, 1899: married in Aug. 1931, Virginia Egger.

They have one Child.

1 Yonne Elaine Dobbin (1191521) born August, 1932.  
3 Blanch Martha (119153) born July 28, 1903: married on Sept. 11, 1924, Albert Warner, born Aug. 7, 1903.  
4 Emily Lucile (119154) born July 28, 1907.  
5 John Ralph (119155) born Oct. 15, 1911.

Benjamin Miller Dobbin (11916) born Dec. 12, 1880, in DeKalb County, Ill.: married on May 22, 1907, at Xenia, Ohio, Elizabeth Jane Robinson, born Mar. 17, 1883. He received the A.B. degree in 1904 from Sterling College, Kan., and graduated from Xenia Theological Seminary in 1907, which institution gave him the honorary degree of D.D. (Doctor of Divinity). He has held pastorates in the United Presbyterian Church as follows—Blue Mound, Kan., 1907–1912; Jetmore, Kan., 1912–1916; West Chester, Iowa, 1916–1920; Pretty Prairie, Kan., 1920–1926; Eskridge, Kan., 1926, to present time (1935).

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They have one Child.

1 Paul Robinson Dobbin (119161) born Apr. 22, 1907: A.B. Sterling Col. 1931: A.M. Kansas Univ. 1932: now Teacher Social Science, Eskridge Rural High School.

### THE STINSON FAMILY

Charity Agnes Dobbin (11913) born Jan. 2, 1866, in DeKalb Co., Ill.: married on Dec. 31, 1885, Charles Ellsworth Stinson at Viola, Kansas, who was born Apr. 22, 1863, and died Dec. 26, 1913. She has gone by the name "Cherry" among her immediate relatives and friends.

They had eleven Children.

	Surname Stinson		
1	Sara C.	(119131)	born Nov. 30, 1886: died May 14, 1911.
2	Ralph Turnbull	(119132)	born Nov. 17, 1889.
3	Max William	(119133)	born Dec. 13, 1891.
4	Mabel Jean	(119134)	born Jan. 13, 1894.
5	Helen Etter	(119135)	born Feb. 23, 1896.
6	Mary Stewart	(119136)	born Feb. 23, 1896.
7	Robert Campbell	(119137)	born Dec. 30, 1897: died Dec. 17, 1898.
8	Edith	(119138)	born Dec. 30, 1899.
9	Willis	(119139)	born Mar. 9, 1902.
10	Leroy Dobbin	(11913(10))	born Aug. 20, 1905.
11	Mearle	(11913(11))	born May 11, 1910.



Ralph Turnbull Stinson (119132) born Nov. 17, 1889: married on Sept. 2, 1912, Margaret Heckman.

They have three Children.

1	Edith Stinson	(1191321)	born July 31, 1913.
2	Dale Stinson	(1191322)	born June 21, 1915.
3	Lee Lewis Stinson	(1191323)	born

Max William Stinson (119133) born Dec. 13, 1889: married on Aug. 14, 1913, Marie Thomas.

They had four Children.

Surname Stinson			
1	Delmar	(1191331)	born July 25, 1919.
2	Raymond	(1191332)	born Oct. 20, 1921: died April 11, 1923.
3	Doris	(1191333)	born Oct. 25, 1925.
4	Ellis Dean	(1191334)	born Nov. 12, 1932.

Helen Etter Stinson (119135) born Feb. 23, 1896: married on June 19, 1916, William Taylor.

They have four Children.

1	Mary Helen Taylor	(1191351)	born May 26, 1917.
2	Robert Taylor	(1191352)	born Nov. 16, 1918.
3	Eugene Taylor	(1191353)	born Jan. 25, 1921.
4	Harold Taylor	(1191354)	born Nov. 1, 1922.

Mary Stewart Stinson (119136) born Feb. 23, 1896: married on Nov. 27, 1919, Paul Nighswonger.

They have four Children.

Surname Nighswonger			
1	Lois	(1191361)	born Sept. 4, 1921.
2	Doel	(1191362)	born Dec. 9, 1923.
3	Lester	(1191363)	born Sept. 2, 1926.
4	Patricia	(1191364)	born May 27, 1928.

Edith Stinson (119138) born Dec. 30, 1899: married on April 24, 1926, Claude Kissick.

They have two Children.

1	Donald Kissick	(1191381)	born Jan. 1, 1928.
2	Dorothy Mae Kissick	(1191382)	born Jan. 30, 1930.

Willis Stinson (119139) born Mar. 9, 1902: married on May 31, 1924, Elnora Bates.

They have three Children.

Surname Stinson			
1	Beverly	(1191391)	born Jan. 1, 1925.
2	Ronald	(1191392)	born Oct. 18, 1928.
3	Lawerenee Dale	(1191393)	born June 4, 1935.

Leroy Dobbin Stinson (11913(10)) born Aug. 20, 1905: married on June 23, 1928, Mae Henderson.

They have one Child.

1	Eugene Kermit Stinson	(11913(10)1)	born Dec. 14, 1929.
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Mearle Stinson (11913(11)) born May 11, 1910: married on May 28, 1932, Leona Stewart.

They have one Child.

1 Gerald Stewart Stinson (11913(11)1) born Aug. 5, 1933.

James Blair Dobbin (1194) born Oct. 13, 1847: died May 21, 1919: married on Dec. 29, 1877, Lucretia Carr, who died Jan. 4, 1924.

They had nine Children.

1	Margaret Pearl	(11941)	born July 1, 1876.
2	William David	(11942)	born Feb. 14, 1878: died Apr. 9, 1927, in Loveland, Colo.: married on Aug. 1, 1905, Nettie Graham.
3	Edna Elizabeth	(11943)	born Dec. 4, 1880: died Mar. 10, 1844.
4	Mary Agnes	(11944)	born Mar. 10, 1882.
5	Arthur	(11945)	born Apr. 19, 1884.
6	Alice	(11946)	born Oct. 4, 1886.
7	Archie Easton	(11947)	born Jan. 17, 1889.
8	Ruth Jean	(11948)	born Oct. 21, 1891.
9	Dorothy Eva	(11949)	born Mar. 7, 1895.

Margaret Pearl Dobbin (11941) born July 1, 1876: married on Jan. 24, 1900, Robert Livingston.

They had eight Children.

Surname Livingston			
1	Alice Pearl	(119411)	born Nov. 8, 1900: married on Oct. 30, 1920, Ted Borst.

They have two Children.

1	Teddie Borst	(1194111)	born Apr. 1, 1922.
2	Betty Jean Borst	(1194112)	born July 15, 1925.
2	Mary Elizabeth	(119412)	born Oct. 27, 1902.
3	Juanita	(119413)	born Jan. 12, 1905.
4	Margaret	(119414)	born Mar. 14, 1907: died Dec. 30, 1920.
5	Madaline	(119415)	born Apr. 5, 1909.
6	Robert Blair	(119416)	born July 21, 1911.
7	John Arthur	(119417)	born Nov. 20, 1913.
8	George Delbert	(119418)	born June 9, 1916.

Mary Agnes Dobbin (11944) born Mar. 10, 1882: married on Dec. 31, 1902, Bruce Miller.

They have five Children.

Surname Miller			
1	Margaret Lucile	(119441)	born Nov. 14, 1903: married on Apr. 18, 1934, G. Shaw.
2	John Lester	(119442)	born Aug. 16, 1905.
3	Bernice	(119443)	born May 1, 1908: married on Dec. 23, 1926, Charlie Stout.

They have two Children.

1	Helen Lucile Stout	(1194431)	born June 1, 1926.
2	Mary Darleen Stout	(1194432)	born Sept. 8, 1928.
4	Ruth Pearl	(119444)	born July 2, 1910: married on Feb. 9, 1935, Delmar Whitman.
5	Edwin Bruce	(119445)	born Dec. 3, 1913.



Arthur Dobbin (11945) born Apr. 19, 1884: married on July 31, 1907, Enmaceen Miller.

They have five children.

1 Hazel Bernadine (119451) born Apr. 30, 1909: married on Dec. 9, 1928, Fred Hendrickson.  
They have one Child.

1 Gerald Hendrickson (1194511) born Nov. 14, 1929.  
2 Pauline (119452) born Nov. 2, 1912: married on June 9, 1934, Andrew Schermerhorn.  
3 Josephine (119453) born Aug. 26, 1918.  
4 Kenneth (119454) born Sept. 12, 1923.  
5 Rosella (119455) born Oct. 23, 1929.

Alice Dobbin (11946) born Oct. 4, 1886: married Dec. 29, 1910, Joseph Porter.

They have five Children.

Surname Porter

1	Gene	(119461)	born Mar. 18, 1912.
2	Edith J.	(119462)	born Sept. 22, 1915.
3	Dorothy Helen	(119463)	born Sept. 10, 1917.
4	John Robert	(119464)	born Dec. 23, 1920.
5	Alice Betty	(119465)	born July 25, 1929.

Archie Easton Dobbin (11947) born Jan. 17, 1889: married on Dec. 25, 1912, Iva Livingston.

They had six Children.

1	Margaret	(119471)	born Aug. 9, 1913: died Dec. 19, 1917.
2	Cecil Archie	(119472)	born Jan. 21, 1917.
3	David Blair	(119473)	born Dec. 11, 1918.
4	Dorothy	(119474)	born in 1923: died in Dec., 1923.
5	James	(119475)	born May 1, 1924.
6	Guy Ivan	(119476)	born Apr. 18, 1927.

Ruth Jean Dobbin (11948) born Oct. 21, 1891; married on Jan. 21, 1914, Martin Dalbom.

They have six Children.

Surname Dalbom

1	Elaine Gale	(119481)	born Dec. 8, 1914.
2	Charles Dale	(119482)	born Nov. 7, 1916.
3	Ernest Keith	(119483)	born Sept. 13, 1918.
4	Esther Lou	(119484)	born July 15, 1921.
5	Joan Helen	(119485)	born Feb. 9, 1925.
6	Harold	(119486)	born Nov. 21, 1926.

Sarah Mary Dobbin (1195) born June 16, 1853, in DeKalb Co., Ill., a daughter of David Miller Dobbin: married on Feb. 15, 1877, Miles Robinson.

They had five Children.

Surname Robinson

1	Emma E.	(11951)	born Jan. 27, 1880: died Aug. 28, 1882.
2	Lloyd	(11952)	born Sept. 21, 1882: married on Sept. 11, 1905, Jessie McClure.
3	James Gordon	(11953)	born Aug. 26, 1884: married on Dec. 23, 1913, Jennie Elliot.



They had two Children.

- 1 Sarah Demarius Robinson (119531) born May 22, 1916.
- 2 Mysta Robinson (119532) born Oct. 11, 1925.
- 4 Thomas Dwight (11954) born Sept. 6, 1886: married July 28, 1910, Hazel Thomas.
- 5 William John (11955) born Apr. 28, 1889: married on Dec. 26, 1917, Anna Adair.

They have two Children.

- 1 Thomas Melvin Robinson (119551) born July 8, 1916.
- 2 Wilbur Robinson (119552) born Aug. 27, 1919.

Eliza Jane Dobbin (1196) Sixth Child of David Miller Dobbin: born June 29, 1855: married on May 17, 1883, James Irvin More: died June 4, 1934, at Anness, Kan.

They had ten Children.

Surname More		
1	Olive M.	(11961) born Aug. 19, 1884: married on July 20, 1927, William Alderdice.
2	Leroy J.	(11962) born Sept. 9, 1885.
3	Margaret	(11963) born Oct. 17, 1887.
4	Abbie T.	(11964) born Nov. 12, 1888.
5	Ruby	(11965) born Oct. 8, 1890.
6	Irvin	(11966) born Aug. 6, 1893.
7	Mary	(11967) born July 4, 1895: died Aug. 17, 1895.
8	Howard	(11968) born July 18, 1897: died Apr. 17, 1898.
9	James Harry	(11969) born July 27, 1899.
10	Claud	(1196(10)) born Jan. 10, 1901.

Margaret More (11963) born Oct. 17, 1887: died Mar. 29, 1934: married on Nov. 28, 1907, William Wrightsman.

They had nine Children.

Surname Wrightsman		
1	Gerald	(119631) born Oct. 28, 1908.
2	Elva Margaret	(119632) born Feb. 11, 1910.
3	Robert	(119633) born Sept. 12, 1912.
4	Howard	(119634) born Nov. 1, 1913.
5	Velma	(119635) born Dec. 15, 1915
6	Russle	(119636) born July 15, 1919.
7	Clarence	(119637) born Mar. 22, 1921.
8	Lester	(119638) born May 24, 1924.
9	Norma Lee	(119639) born Feb. 4, 1928.

Abbie T. More (11964) born Nov. 12, 1888: married on Feb. 12, 1919, James Rea Little.

They have two Children.

- 1 Raymond Harold Little (119641) born Feb. 22, 1920.
- 2 Marjorie Little (119642) born May 7, 1921.

Ruby More (11965) born Oct. 8, 1890: married on May 14, 1918, Glen Ewing.

They have four Children.

Surname Ewing		
1	Chester	(119651) born Mar. 28, 1919.
2	Floyd	(119652) born Aug. 9, 1920.



3	Leonard	(119653)	born Oct. 20, 1921.
4	Alice	(119654)	born Feb. 10, 1925.

James Harry More (11969) born July 27, 1896: married on Oct. 14, 1926, Hazel Lee.

They have four Children.

Surname More			
1	Lois	(119691)	born Sept. 12, 1927.
2	Dorothy	(119692)	born Oct. 22, 1928.
3	Jennie	(119693)	born Feb. 15, 1930.
4	Rosalie	(119694)	born Nov. 8, 1931.

Claud More (1196(10)) born Jan. 10, 1901: married on Oct. 14, 1926, Ethel Lee.

They have four Children.

Surname More			
1	Earl	(1196(10)1)	born Aug. 26, 1927.
2	Shirley	(1196(10)2)	born Feb. 6, 1929.
3	Mildred	(1196(10)3)	born June 22, 1932.
4	Jesse Irvine	(1196(10)4)	born Aug. 11, 1934.

Isabel Agnes Dobbin (1197) born Feb. 24, 1857: married on Aug. 15, 1883, Walter O. Speer.

They had three Children.

Surname Speer			
1	Earnest	(11971)	born Feb. 9, 1887.
2	Edna B.	(11972)	born Feb. 9, 1887.
3	Mary G.	(11973)	born Aug. 10, 1900: married Sept. 8, 1926, Frank McClellan.

They have two Children.

1	Walter McClellan	(119731)	born June 21, 1927.
2	Frank McClellan	(119732)	born June —, 1928.

Earnest Speer (11971) born Feb. 9, 1887: married on Nov. 23, 1910, Vesta Bloomer.

They have four Children.

Surname Speer			
1	Jane Alberta	(119711)	born Apr. 17, 1912.
2	Ruth	(119712)	born — —, 1914.
3	Violet	(119713)	born Apr. 17, 1916.
4	Walter	(119714)	born Nov. 10, 1921.

Emma Dobbin (1198) born Sept 4, 1859, in DeKalb Co., Ill., the youngest Child of David Miller Dobbin: married on Sept. 16, 1881, Harvey Robinson. They moved to California several years ago; their address is 1093 Gladys Ave., Long Beach, California.

They have three Children.

1	Clyde Lee Robinson	(11981)	born May 3, 1884: married on July 20, 1909. They have no Children.
2	Mary Jeanette Robinson	(11982)	born July 16, 1886.
3	Walter Robinson	(11983)	born Nov. 14, 1888: married on Mar. 20, 1913, Edith Smith.



They have one Child.

1 Emma Caroline Robinson (119831) born Jan. 31, 1921

Mary Jeanett Robinson (11982) born July 16, 1886; married on May 7, 1914, Walter Gunn.

They have two Children.

1 Frances Gunn (119821) born Feb. 24, 1917.  
2 Elizabeth Gunn (119822) born Aug. 16, 1922.

Mary Dobbin (11(10)) born June 19, 1815: died Apr. 9, 1900: married on Sept. 25, 1845, John Nelson. Their home was in Salem Township, Washington Co., N. Y., near the village of Shushan.

They had eight Children including one pair of twins.

Surname Nelson

1	Robert	(11(10)1)	born June 16, 1846: Soldier in Civil War in the 123rd. N. Y. V.: died Aug. 2, 1909, in Honolulu: never married.
2	Margaret	(11(10)2)	born Mar. 28, 1848: died Sept. 17, 1879.
3	William	(11(10)3)	born Jan. 23, 1850: died Aug. 1, 1908.
4	Mary	(11(10)4)	born Mar. 1, 1852.
5	Sarah	(11(10)5)	born Mar. 1, 1852: not married; now living in Shushan Village (1935).
6	Wishart	(11(10)6)	born June 9, 1854: died Mar. 12, 1916.
7	James	(11(10)7)	born Nov. 23, 1856: married June 9, 1888.
8	Elizabeth L.	(11(10)8)	born Apr. 6, 1860: died Sept. 22, 1931: married Feb. 24, 1886, Harvey Rich, born Sept. 23, 1857: died May 3, 1928.

They had four Children.

1	Marjorie Rich	(11(10)81)	born Sept. 26, 1890.
2	Elsie Rich	(11(10)82)	born Feb. 22, 1892: Teacher in District Schools in Washington Co., N. Y.
3	Blanche Rich	(11(10)83)	born Mar. 2, 1896.
4	Gordon Rich	(11(10)84)	born Jan. 10, 1900: Farmer about one mile east of Shushan.

Mary Nelson (11(10)4) born Mar. 1, 1852: married on Sept. 16, 1880, Joseph Thompson, born Aug. 31, 1843: died Dec. 21, 1905: Farmer, Stronghurst, Ill. He was a soldier in the Civil War.

They had five Children.

Surname Thompson

1	Sarah Jane	(11(10)41)	born Sept. 23, 1882.
2	Margaret Ellen	(11(10)42)	born Mar. 8, 1885.
3	Raymond Harrison	(11(10)43)	born Aug. 15, 1888: Farmer, Stronghurst, Ill.
4	Lillian Barbara	(11(10)44)	born Sept. 7, 1890.



5 Marjorie Raith (11(10)45) born Apr. 10, 1893: married Oct. 30, 1926, George P. Gladt, salesman, Portland, Oregon.

Sarah Jane Thompson (11(10)41) born Sept. 23, 1882: married on July 20, 1904, Delbert Dixson, born Dec. 11, 1882: Farmer, Stronghurst.

They have two Children.

1 Joseph Dean Dixson (11(10)411) born Apr. 27, 1905: married on June 7, 1930, Elizabeth Howard, born Sept. 29, 1906.

They have two Children.

1 Barbara Elizabeth Dixson (11(10)4111) born Apr. 17, 1931.

2 Susan Louise Dixson (11(10)4112) born

2 Margaret Doris Dixson (11(10)412) born Mar. 14, 1907.

Margaret Ellen Thompson (11(10)42) born Mar. 8, 1885: married on June 3, 1909, Joseph Dixson, born Jan. 29, 1885: Farmer, Stronghurst, Ill.

They have two Children.

1 Joseph Earl Dixson (11(10)421) born Jan. 28, 1914: Student in Monmouth College.

2 Margaret Eleanor Dixson (11(10)422) born Jan. 21, 1917.

Lillian Barbara Thompson (11(10)43) born Sept. 7, 1890: married on June 10, 1914, Albert Douglas Prescott, born Feb. 14, 1890: Bank Cashier.

They had three Children.

1 Charles Douglas Prescott (11(10)431) born Oct. 28, 1915.

2 Jack Raymond Prescott (11(10)432) born June 29, 1918: died Nov. 15, 1921.

3 Mary Olive Prescott (11(10)433) born Jan. 8, 1923: pupil in Stronghurst Schools.

James Dobbin (12) second Son of John Dobbin (1), was born in 1773: died in Sept. 1826. He married Martha Green. They had a small farm about three miles from Salem, N. Y. He was a Cooper as well as a Farmer and for several years, Court Crier. His family migrated to Cazenovia, N. Y.

They had five Children.

1 Caroline (121)

2 Eliza Ann (122) born in 1816.

3 Adoniram (123) never married: a favorite bachelor uncle.

4 Martha (124)

5 William (125) is said to have lived in Albany, N. Y.

Caroline Dobbin (121) born ——: died ——: married Pratt Howard.



They had two Children.

1 George Howard (1211) born — —, — —: died about 1925: buried in Leroy, N. Y., Cemetery: never married.

2 Ellen L. Howard (1212) born Apr. 29, 1840: married on Sept. 15, 1859, David H. Mather, born Apr. 14, 1834: died Feb. 9, 1901. She died Nov. 11, 1920, in Rochester, N. Y., and was buried in Evergreen Cemetery, Cazenovia.

They had four Children.

Surname Mather

1 George W. (12121) born July 3, 1860: died in 1865.

2 Herbert P. (12122) born June 21, 1861: married on Jan 4, 1883, Enna E. Barlow.

3 Cora E. (12123) born Sept. 4, 1867: married on Jan. 13, 1887, Fred S. Webster. Her present address is 322 Webster Ave., Rochester, N. Y.

4 Milton L. (12124) born July 25, 1876: died in Fall of 1876.

Eliza Ann Dobbin (122) born Feb. 16, 1816: died Dec. 11, 1903: buried in Evergreen Cemetery, Cazenovia, N. Y. She married on Sept. 14, 1835, Philo E. Blair, of Nelson, Madison Co., N. Y.: farmer near Cazenovia: died in 1896: was buried in Evergreen Cemetery.

They had six Children.

Surname Blair

1 Lewis Perry (1221) born Dec. 6, 1836.

2 Edwin A. (1222) born Aug. 24, 1838.

3 Eliza J. (1223) born Feb. 24, 1840.

4 A Son born Oct. 16, 1841: died Nov. 13, 1841.

5 Celestia A. (1225) born Nov. 26, 1845: died May 31, 1932: married Lyman F. Corwin; no Children; lived, when widow, at 123 Victoria Place, Syracuse, N. Y.

6 Florence A. (1226) born Aug. 28, 1853: died in Oct., 1915: married Henry B. Smith: born Apr. 14, 1846: died June 17, 1923. They had one Son.

Reginald H. Smith (12261) born Aug. 30, 1877: lives in Syracuse, N. Y. His present address is Citizen's Club or his residence, 743 Maryland Ave., Syracuse.

Lewis Perry Blair (1221) born Dec. 6, 1836: died Aug. 10, 1893: married Anna Diamond.

They had two Children.

1 Louise Blair (12211) died in 1927: buried in Evergreen Cemetery: married L. H. Smith: had Son (12211) died in infancy.

2 Philo Edward Blair (12212) died in 1896, aged about 21 years: buried in Evergreen Cemetery.



Edwin A. Blair (1222) born Aug. 24, 1838: died Dec. 11, 1919: married Celestia Ticknor.

They had two Children.

1	Maud Blair	(12221)	died in infancy.
2	Ermon A. Blair	(12222)	born Sept. 8, 1875, in Cazenovia, N. Y.: married on Apr. 4, 1904, Alice L. Nichols. They live in Cazenovia. He has been in the Printing Business.

They had four Children.

1	Son:	died in infancy.
2	Elizabeth Nichols Blair	(122222) born May 13, 1906: was educated in Cazenovia and Syracuse: graduate nurse.
3	Edward C. Blair	(122223) born Mar. 29, 1917: now (1935) attending Cazenovia Schools.
4	Emily L. Blair	(122224) born Oct. 17, 1918.

Martha Dobbin (124) married Lyman Stiles: lived in Cazenovia.

They had two Children.

1	Charles Stiles	(1241)
2	Susan Stiles	(1242) married ————— Hart: had one Child.

Fanny Hart (12421). She has had Government position in Washington, D. C. Her Mother, Susan Stiles, has also lived in Washington with her.

John Dobbin (13) third son of John Dobbin (1) and Mary Miller, was born in 1775 in Connagher, County Antrim, Ireland: died Mar. 22, 1861, at his home on his farm near Shushan, Washington Co., N. Y. He married Jane McKillop, who died Nov. 27, 1849; both were buried in the old Binniger graveyard, near Shushan.

They had eleven Children.

1	Mary	(131)	born Dec. 13, 1803.
2	Martha Simpson	(132)	born Oct. 27, 1805: See Joseph Dobbin (113).
3	Ann	(133)	born Aug. 5, 1807: married Francis Telford. They had no Children.
4	Margaret	(134)	born Dec. 18, 1809.
5	William	(135)	born May 25, 1812: died in 1845.
6	Sarah	(136)	born Apr. 15, 1814: died Apr. 10, 1855.
7	John Ross	(137)	born Oct. 16, 1816.
8	David	(138)	born Nov. 11, 1818.
9	Jane	(139)	born Nov. 11, 1820.
10	James Shaw	(13(10))	born Oct. 28, 1822.
11	Thomas	(13(11))	born Sept. 5, 1825: died June 1, 1848.

Mary Dobbin (131) born Dec. 13, 1803: died December, 1893: married on Oct. 5, 1825, Pascal D. Moore.



They had eight Children.

Surname Moore

1	John	(1311)
2	Simpson	(1312)
3	Angeline	(1313)
4	Jane	(1314)
5	James	(1315) a Civil War Veteran.
6	Martin	(1316) killed in action in Louisiana, in Civil War.
7	Edward	(1317)
8	William	(1318) married Sarah Hatch; had no Children.

John Moore (1311) married first Hattie McLean Graham, born June 21, 1829, died Aug. 25, 1849: married second, Agnes McIntosh, born, Sept. 20, 1830.

Children of first marriage were two.

1	Hattie Moore	(13111) died when about 18 years of age.
2	Sarah Moore	(13112) born Aug. 28, 1853: married John Ashworth.

One Child of second marriage.

3	Elizabeth Moore	(13113) born July, 1865: married Richard Haight.
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Angeline Moore (1313) married Thomas Lyman: had two Children.

1	Milton Lyman	(13131)
2	Anna Lyman	(13132) married a man by the name of Longyear.

Jane Moore (1314) married Richard Rhoades.

They had two Children.

1	William Rhoades	(13141)
2	Dora Rhoades	(13142)

Margaret Dobbin (134) born Dec. 18, 1809; died Feb. 20, 1841: married Elihu Bishop.

They had two Children.

1	Sherman Bishop	(1341) a Clergyman in the M. E. Church, who was married: had at least one child, and a grandson, Sherman Bishop, who at one time was N. Y. State Zoologist at Albany, and later had an official position in one of the Colleges of the State.
2	Margaret Melintha Bishop	(1342) married a man named Cobb.

John Ross Dobbin (137) born Oct. 16, 1816: died Oct. 12, 1855: was killed coupling cars; was for years, Station Agent in Shushan, N. Y.; married Jane Hubbard.

They had one Child.



1 Sophia Dobbin (1371) married Albert Sherman.  
They had one Child.

Gertrude Sherman (13711) married Mr. Ellenwood: they lived in Omaha Nebraska: had a daughter..  
Grace Ellenwood (137111)

David Dobbin (138) born Nov. 11, 1818; died Jan. 15, 1893: married on Sept. 6, 1842, Lucy T. Knowlton. They were buried in the Cambridge, N. Y., Cemetery.

They had four Children.

1	Orinda Ann	(1381)	born Nov. 21, 1843.
2	William Augustus	(1382)	born Jan. 10, 1846.
3	Melvin Miles	(1383)	born July 7, 1851.
4	Chloe Jane	(1384)	born May 28, 1855.

Orinda Ann Dobbin (1381) born Nov. 21, 1843: died Oct. 26, 1934, almost ninety-one years old. All her life she lived near Shushan, a small village in Washington County, New York, almost on the line between Salem and Jackson Townships. News Item in a Newspaper of June 25th, 1934.

“On Saturday afternoon, June 23rd., Miss Orinda Dobbin saw, from her porch on the Dobbin farm between Salem and Shushan, the passing of what will probably be the last passenger train over the D. and H. railroad between Eagle Bridge and Rutland, Vt. In 1852, Miss Dobbin, as a girl of nine years of age, saw the first train go over this line.

From Greenwich Journal of Oct. 26, 1934.

“Miss Orinda A. Dobbin, one of the oldest residents of this vicinity, passed away suddenly early last Friday morning after having been in failing health for several months. She was born in the town of Salem, on November 21, 1843, the oldest child of David and Lucy (Knowlton) Dobbin. Her entire life was passed in this community, and the last 56 years on the home farm in Jackson.

“In her early years, Miss Dobbin became a member of the East Salem, now Shushan, United Presbyterian church, and was especially interested in the mission work of that church, having been an active member of the Women’s Missionary society as long as her health permitted her to attend the meetings.

“Miss Dobbin had outlived all her immediate family, and was the last survivor of the 23 grandchildren of John Dobbin and his wife, Jane McKillip, who were among the early settlers of the town of Jackson. The survivors are a sister-in-law, Mrs. Anna M. Dobbin, and a niece, Miss Flora A. Dobbin of Shushan, and her nephew, Frank Dobbin, with whom she resided.”

She was buried in Cambridge Cemetery, alongside her father and mother.



William Augustus Dobbin (1382) born Jan. 10, 1846: died May 3, 1919: married on Dec. 26, 1871, Josephine M. Piser; born Apr. 23, 1843: died Apr. 9, 1914.

They had one son.

Frank Dobbin (13821) born Oct. 20, 1873: unmarried: Supervisor of the Township of Jackson, 1920-1921: Postmaster at Shushan, 1924-1930: Botanist of note locally, having contributed many rare specimens to the State Botanist in Albany.

Melvin Miles Dobbin (1383) born July 7, 1851: now deceased: married in 1857, Anna M. Valentine.

They had two Children.

- 1 Flora A. Dobbin (13831) born May 24, 1876: Teacher in Northfield, Mass.
- 2 Joel V. Dobbin (13832) born Oct. 12, 1878: died Oct. 5, 1879.

Chloe Jane Dobbin (1384) born May 28, 1855: died Feb. 18, 1928: married first, on Sept. 14, 1887, George W. Holton; born May 1, 1847: died Apr. 30, 1896: married second, on Aug. 8, 1898, David Eddy: born Aug. 23, 1842: died June 4, 1913.

James Shaw Dobbin (13(10)) born Oct. 28, 1822: died July 27, 1867: married Lavantia L. Phillips. He graduated, A.B. Union College in 1848: taught in Argyle Academy and Washington Academy, Salem, N. Y.: was a soldier in the Civil War.

They had one Child.

Edward McKinney Dobbin (13(10)1) married Mary Green: both deceased, leaving no Children.

David Dobbin (14) born in 1778: died Feb. 19, 1861: came to America when about twenty years old, with his father and two younger brothers, Miller and Samuel. He came to Washington County, N. Y., where his older brothers, James and John were already located. He was twice married. A small stone in the little graveyard known as the "Lick," about one mile west of South Argyle Village, is inscribed, Jane Dobbin, died June 19, 1811 in the 23rd. year of her age. She must have been married very young as she left three children, the oldest about six years.

Some fifteen years later, David Dobbin went back to his old home in Ireland and married Nancy Lourie of Port Stewart, County Antrim. After returning with his second wife, he located in Fairhaven, Vermont, in the tanning business, taking his son John into partnership.

His first wife was Jane Kay who died June 19, 1811. Children of this union

1 Elizabeth	(141) born in 1805: died in April, 1882: married James Mains.
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They had no Children.

2 John	(142) born August, 1807.
3 Mary	(143) born Feb. 5, 1810.

His second wife was Naney Lourie, born May 5, 1795; died Dec. 19, 1880.  
Children of this union:

4 Martha	(144) born Nov. 2, 1826.
5 Jane	(145) born Mar. 21, 1828.

John Dobbin, (142) born in 1807, in Argyle Township: died July 26, 1870: married Maria Sherman, who died Mar. 2, 1869, aged 59 years. Their home was in Greenwich, N. Y.

They had one Child.

Frances Dobbin (1421) born Apr. 17, 1841: died Dec. 6, 1930: married Robert Forsyth, graduate of Williams College, Class of 1868; was born May 23, 1841, in North Argyle, N. Y., and died Sept. 13, 1928, at their home in Lexington, Mass. He was a Teacher, having his own boys' schools in Thomaston and Greens Farms, Conn., and later in Elizabeth, New Jersey. He was for several years Principal of the Lebanon, N. H., public schools.

They had two Children.

1 Herbert Forsyth (14211) born June 20, 1870: Student in Massachusetts Institute of Technology: in charge of Buildings and Grounds of the Central Railroad of New Jersey, with his offices in New York City and Jersey City: married Mary Louise Rix; their home is in Westfield, N. J.
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They had two daughters.

1 Elizabeth Fay Forsyth (142111) born Aug. 4, 1906.
2 Frances Forsyth (142112) died when four years old.
2 Anne Forsyth (14212) born Feb. 4, 1877: Graduate of Smith College with B.L. degree in 1901; Teacher of English in Claremont, N. H., and later in Lexington, Mass., where she has her own home, 1415 Massachusetts Ave. She takes great interest in Dramatics; at times has charge of training the local Amateur Club. She is fond of writing short stories; one of her best is "His one Big Moment" in the June, 1933, number of the American Magazine.

Mary Dobbin (143) born Feb. 5, 1810: died Oct. 1894: married William Harrison, born in 1806: died in 1839.

They had three Children.

1 William John Harrison (1431) born Jan. 30, 1833: died May 1, 1862; shot at Chancellorsville: was in the 123 N. Y. V.
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He had married and left a boy.

William Henry Harrison (14311) born in 1858.

2 Ellen Harrison (1432) born in 1833: died in 1839.
3 Letitia Harrison (1433) born in 1836: died Dec. 31, 1912: married Nicholas Wallis, brush-maker; Supt. of Brush Factory in Newark, N. J. They were both singers and fond of music. When a young man he taught singing schools in the School Districts in vicinity of Troy, N. Y.

They had no Children.



## THE FOSTER FAMILY

Martha Dobbin (144) born Nov. 2, 1826 in Fairhaven, Vermont: died Mar. 21, 1912, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Joseph Reid in Hebron Township, Washington County, N. Y. She married James Foster of Argyle Township, Mar. 25, 1858.

They had four Children.

- 1 David Andrew Foster (1441) born Dec. 18, 1858.
- 2 William James Foster (1442) born Sept. 17, 1860.
- 3 Hattie Foster (1443) born Aug. 10, 1863.
- 4 Charles Henry Foster (1444) born Jan. 30, 1865.

David Andrew Foster (1441) born Dec. 18, 1858: married on Jan. 20, 1892, Mary Louise Shields of Hebron Township, born Aug. 10, 1862. They own the old Foster farm and house purchased in 1819 by his grandfather, Andrew Foster, located on the top of the hill about three miles north of Lake Cossayuna with fine views of the Green Mountains of Vermont to the East and the Adirondacks and Mountains around Lake George to the West and North. David was early elected Elder and Supt. of Sunday School in the Hebron United Presbyterian Church.

They have two Children.

- 1 Cora Eveleen Foster (14411) born July 11, 1899; Graduate of Syracuse; A. B. degree in 1920; taught in Cambridge, N. Y., High School two years; married on Dec. 28, 1922, Nelson Pratt, who acquired the ownership of the fine Pratt farm just East of Lake Cossayuna, that had belonged to his ancestors.

They have one Child.

- Carolyn Foster Pratt (144111) born Jan. 14, 1926.
- 2 Edward Shields Foster (14412) born Aug. 11, 1901; Graduate in Agriculture, Cornell Univ. in 1925. He has been Farm Bureau Manager (or County Agent) of Chautauqua and Suffolk Counties, New York, and now for several years General Secretary, New York State Farm Bureau Federation, with headquarters in Roberts Hall, Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y.

William James Foster (1442) born Sept. 17, 1860: married on Sept. 16, 1896, Caroline McEachron, of Argyle, N. Y., born Dec. 9, 1873.

They have one Child.

- William James Foster, Jr. (14421) born Feb. 18, 1899: A.B. Amherst Col. in 1921: married Ruth Elizabeth Seltzer, of Pottsville, Penna.; Grad. Smith College, A. B. in 1920. He has been with a Consulting Engineering Firm in New York City since graduating; is a Cost and Rate Expert.

They have three Children.

- 1 William James Foster 3rd. (144211) born June 20, 1923.
- 2 Donald McEachron Foster (144212) born Apr. 18, 1926.
- 3 Janet Elizabeth Foster (144213) born May 10, 1933.

Hattie Foster (1443) born Aug. 10, 1863: married on Dec. 20, 1893, Joseph Reid, of Hebron Township, a near neighbor, born



Dec. 9, 1858: Farmer, specializing in Dairy and Potato Raising. They have three Children.

1 Henry Foster Reid (14431) born Jan. 9, 1895: married Margaret Pratt, of Cossayuna, on Feb. 27, 1919. He is a large potato grower and a hustling farmer in general; now owns two farms about one mile apart. He was made S. S. Supt. when quite young, also Elder in the Hebron U. P. Church; has been Supervisor of the Township of Hebron three terms.

They have four Children.

- 1 Marjorie Harriet Reid (144311) born Sept. 26, 1920; Student in Salem High School.
- 2 Lois Eleanor Reid (144312) born Aug. 1, 1923; Student in Salem Junior High School.
- 3 Robert Henry Reid (144313) born Nov. 30, 1926.
- 4 Joyce Anne Reid (144314) born Dec. 7, 1935.
- 2 Marion Harriet Reid (14432) born Jan. 16, 1899: Grad. Oneonta Normal School; Teacher in Troy, N. Y., Schools.
- 3 Ralph Dobbin Reid (14433) born Jan. 13, 1903; Grad. Glens Falls Academy and Cornell Univ. in 1925; post graduate student for over one year; now scientific and successful farmer in Hebron Township; married on Aug. 1, 1930, Elizabeth Harris Lansing of Broadalbin, N. Y., graduate of Syracuse University.

They have one Child.

Norma Lansing Reid (144331) born June 17, 1932.

Charles Henry Foster (1444) born Jan. 30, 1865: married on Jan. 17, 1906, Jennie Qua of Hartford, Washington Co., N. Y.; born Apr. 20, 1873. He owns the farm adjacent to his brother David's.

They have two Children.

- 1 Frances Irene Foster (14441) born May 30, 1908: trained Nurse: married on Sept. 3, 1934, James M. Shields, farmer in Hartford, N. Y.
- 2 James Qua Foster (14442) born June 17, 1911: Grad. Cornell Univ. in Agriculture in 1933: Ass't Farm Agent, Columbia County, N. Y.: office in Hudson, N. Y., resides in Claverack, New York.

Martha Dobbin Foster (144) although born in Fairhaven, Vt., was brought up in South Argyle, N. Y., whither her parents had gone when she was very young. She attended District School and later took up dressmaking, going from house to house to sew for the women folk. Such experience was undoubtedly very helpful to her later when she had children that needed clothes and a good sized family to feed and take care of. She was thirty-one when she married James Foster, thirty-eight, the oldest of a family of eight children. She then became housekeeper in her father-in-law's family, where there were still two bachelor sons and two unmarried daughters living at home. Fortunately, these four all





MARTHA DOBBIN FOSTER (144)



married within three or four years and established homes of their own. Within seven years after their marriage, four Children had come to them. Both father and mother were hard working, self denying to an unusual extent. Besides the family proper, one hired girl for a period of years and one hired man, together with the aged grandfather, made up the household. Within the house and cellar, yarn was spun, cream was churned and butter made by mother, in such manner that it did not have to be used shortly after making, but occasionally, was kept in the one hundred pound firkins for a whole year, awaiting a better market. Outside there was practically no machinery during the period 1858-1870; all planting and cultivating was done by use of the hoe; hay was cut with the scythe and raked with a hand rake. Those were the days of variety farming; the crops, corn, potatoes, wheat, rye, oats; the stock, cattle, sheep, hogs; the poultry, chickens, turkeys and geese. There was great abundance of fruit, especially, apples and cherries. Nothing was sold except fattened cattle, mostly steers, pork, lambs, wool, rye straw, potatoes, butter, eggs and vinegar. Father was a firm believer in the policy of feeding everything to stock, thus enriching the land, but he would not buy hay to feed on account of the risk of introducing obnoxious weeds. He always managed to have some hay left over in the haymow and maintained his farm free from daisies for years after the fields were white with them on all adjacent farms. He never had animals of any kind giving trouble by jumping fences, due to his vigilance in keeping every fence on the farm in perfect condition. It was a busy life he led, even in the winter time as he threshed rye and wheat with the flail, chopped and split wood, cut up beef and pork and salted down a good supply for use in the summer, smoked hams in the smoke-house, etc. The market for farm produce was at the railroad, twelve miles distant. Heavy loads of potatoes or grain required about three hours with a good pair of horses; then the unloading and often, a little shopping to do and the return home used up an entire day. The post-office was at North Argyle, five miles distant with rough, hilly and crooked roads between. Getting the mail was a sort of neighborhood affair and seldom was undertaken more than once a week. The family Doctor lived in West Hebron, five miles distant and often when sent for in a hurry, he would be away attending some other patient, many miles from his home.

Mother always seemed to her Children, much more concerned than father for their proper mental and spiritual development. She made a practice of reading the Bible every day, and encouraged the Children to do the same and to commit to memory some of the choicest and most inspiring chapters, like the 23rd. Psalm and the 14th. Chapter of John.



There were few books in the house and practically all of them were religious, "Pilgrim's Progress" and similar books. Every Sabbath afternoon she had her Children answer the questions of the Westminster Catechism, taking care to observe the same order of rotation but starting with a different child until all had had his or her turn at the number one question. She never made use of the book as she carried in her mind both questions and answers. She had a wonderful memory and with her contacts in the community before marrying, she knew the names of many of the older families living in Argyle and adjacent townships, and the relationships existing between different families.

She was as thorough and painstaking in her housekeeping as Father in his farming.

Jane Dobbin (145) born March 15, 1828: died Dec. 12, 1908: youngest child of David Dobbin (14) and Nancy Lourie: married on March 21, 1848, William Welsh Tilford, born Oct. 24, 1824: died Sept. 12, 1904. Their farm was located in the eastern part of Argyle, close to the Hebron townline in School District Number 5, or Coot Hill District, their house being the nearest farm house to the School House. "Uncle William" was a progressive farmer, undoubtedly the best read of the farmers of that region. He got many new ideas from newspapers and other publications, such as there were in those days. He had many a thrill from Caricatures as they appeared in Harpers Weekly, Toledo Blade and others during the Reconstruction Period, after the Civil War. He introduced new kinds of crops and methods of cultivation. His family shared in his enthusiasm and were thoroughly in sympathy. The boys as they were growing up put a dam across a stream on the farm, built a mill and ground grain.

They had three Children. Surname Tilford.

- 1 Helen Augusta (1451) born Feb. 21, 1849: died Dec. 31, 1912. She never married, although much solicited; she and her mother were always great chums.
- 2 Charles Henry (1452) born June 24, 1862: married on Aug. 30, 1893, Ada Lester, born Apr. 23, 1861. They began their married life occupying a part of the house on the Lester Farm, which later became their own. It is located in the Township of Argyle, well to the North East in the "Hook School District"; at present (1935) their P. O. address is R. D. Smith's Basin.
- 3 William John (1453) born Aug. 20, 1867.

Charles Henry Tilford (1452) and Ada Lester have two Children.

- 1 Lester Nelson Tilford (14521) born Dec. 9, 1895; married Ruth Nichols born June 1, 1905. They were married June 29, 1927.

They have four Children. Surname Tilford.

- 1 Helen Louise (145211) born May 24, 1928.
- 2 Barbara Ruth (145212) born June 6, 1930.
- 3 Martha Jane (145213) born Aug. 3, 1934.



4 Lester Nelson (145214) born Dec. 13, 1935.

2 Helen Irene Tilford (14522) born Jan. 24, 1897: not married.

William John Tilford (1453) born Aug. 20, 1867, in the Township of Argyle, Washington County, N. Y.: married on Oct. 25, 1906, Ila Snyder: born Jan. 30, 1895. He was the third and youngest child of Jane Dobbin (145) and William W. Tilford. He has always been known as John Tilford, few people being aware of his full given name. He took over his father's farm in the East part of Argyle, but later sold it and bought a larger farm in the Township of Kingsbury, near Smiths Basin. Ila Snyder before her marriage was a Stenographer in the County Clerks office: she also taught school, and later when her family was well started took up teaching again to help with the expenses of the boys in High School and College.

They have four Sons.

1 Ernest Hubbard (14531)	born July 15, 1907: A.B. Amherst in 1929: now (1935) engaged in Welfare Work in Hudson Falls, N. Y.
2 Paul Potter (14532)	born Apr. 19, 1910: B.S. in Commerce in 1933 in Univ. of N. C.: now engaged in Hotel Work in N. Y. City.
3 Ralph Wilson (14533)	born Feb. 26, 1912.
4 Douglas Snyder (14534)	born Nov. 26, 1917.

Miller Dobbin (15) fifth son of John (1) born in Oct. 1782: died Sept. 19, 1866: came to America about the year 1798, with his Father and brothers, David and Samuel, landing in Virginia. He was twice married. His first wife was Margaret Mains, born July 22, 1786, died Jan. 29, 1823. They had seven Children. His second wife was Mrs. Margaret Tinkey Beatty, who died in April, 1877: they had one Child.

Children of first marriage.

1 James (151)	born Dec. 29, 1803: died Mar. 21, 1831.
2 Mary (152)	born Aug. 27, 1805: died Dec. 19, 1839.
3 Samuel (153)	born Sept. 29, 1807: died April 16, 1868.
4 Margaret (154)	born Oct. 9, 1810: died Dec. 19, 1889.
5 Jane (155)	born Oct. 9, 1812: died May 25, 1885.
6 Eleanor (156)	born April 29, 1815: died Dec. 14, 1890.
7 John (157)	born Nov. 18, 1818: died Nov. 17, 1835.

Child of the second marriage.

8 Sarah (158) born Sept. 30, 1834: died Jan. 10, 1931.

Not one of the children of the first marriage ever married; all lived in the Homestead in that part of the Town of Greenwich known as Rock Hill. The three sisters, Margaret, Jane and Eleanor (Nellie), after their Father's death in 1866, continued to live in the Old Homestead and were known as "The Girls."

Sarah (158) married William Riddell, born in Ireland, a farmer. Shortly after their marriage they bought the farm next to her Father's on Rock Hill, where they reared their family and where they died; Sarah at the good old age of ninety-six years. Their family of five Children were:



1 John Miller Riddell (1581) born Oct. 23, 1866.  
 2 Margaret " (1582) born Sept. 15, 1868.  
 3 Andrew " (1583) born May 26, 1871.  
 4 Mary " (1584) born Nov. 13, 1873: died Mar. 1927.  
 5 Anna " (1585) born : a Teacher;  
     never married; she always lived with her mother, taking care of  
     her when she became feeble. After her Mother's death in 1931  
     she has continued to live in the old Homestead; address, Cossa-  
     yuna, N. Y.

John Miller Riddell (1581) settled in San Pedro, California: married Mrs. Grace Porter Marshall: has been living for several years in his own house at 250 Fourteenth St., San Pedro, Cal.

Their Children are

1 Edward Riddell (15811) born in 1915.  
 2 Sarah Violet Riddell (15812) born in 1926.

Andrew Riddell (1583) settled in Elsmere (near Albany) N. Y. He married Ella A. Smith on March 7, 1908, and bought a home in Elsmere.

Their Children are

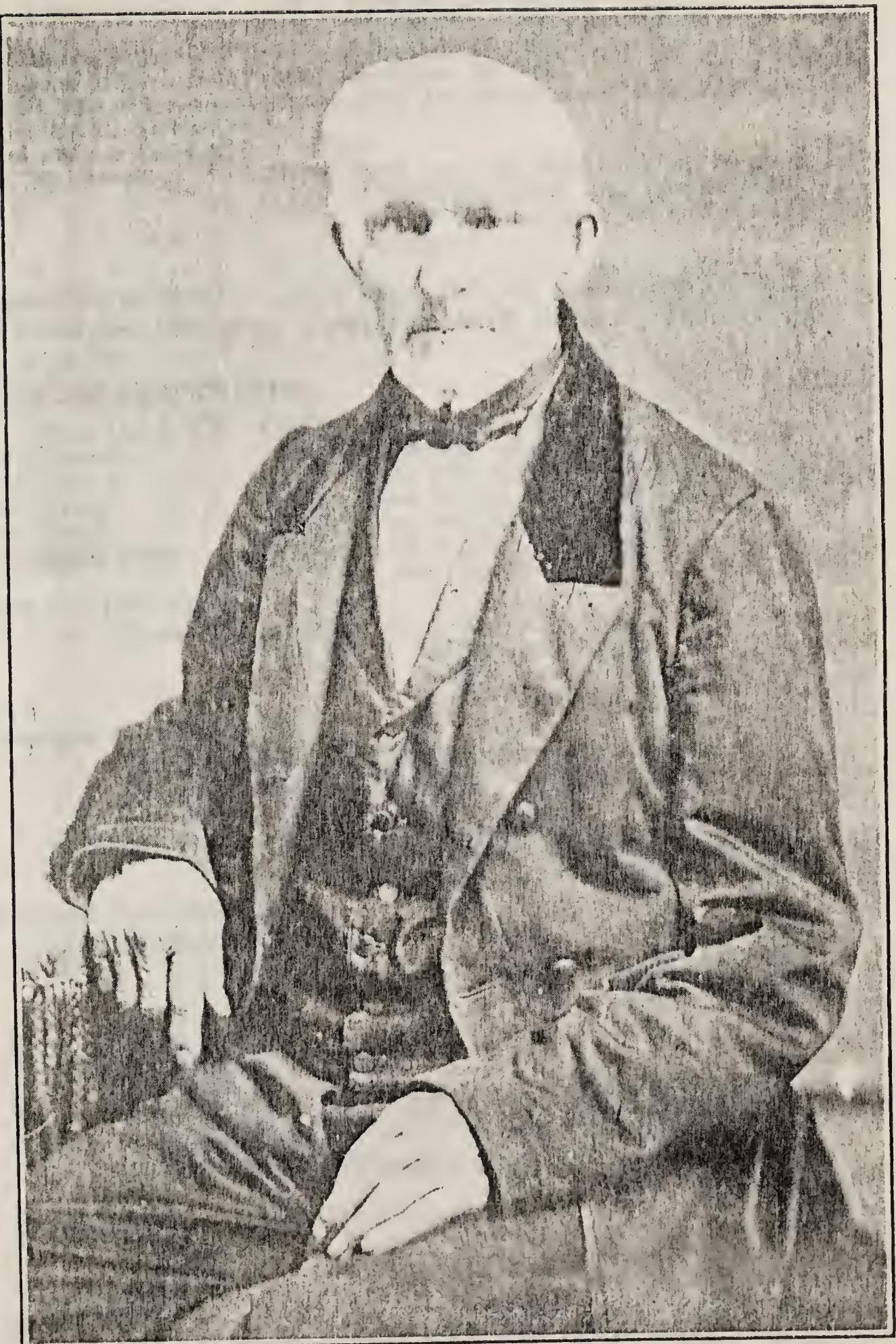
1 Florence Sarah Riddell (15831) born Feb. 4, 1909; a book-  
     keeper with The Standard Oil  
     Co., Albany, N. Y. (1935).  
 2 Eleanor Harriet Riddell (15832) born April 18, 1911: a book-  
     keeper with Aetna Insurance  
     Co. (1935).

Samuel Dobbin (16) sixth son of John (1) was born in Connagher, Ireland in 1789: died April 18, 1876, aged 86 years: buried in the old Christie graveyard. He was a farmer owning, what was considered in his time, a good farm in the Township of Greenwich, New York. He was twice married. His first wife was Sarah Mains who died Nov. 27, 1836: buried in Christie graveyard.

There were eight Children.

1 Margaret (161) born in 1810: died in infancy.  
 2 Alexander (162) born Jan. 15, 1812: died Sept. 21, 1890: He married first, Mary Jane Shaw: buried in Christie graveyard. Of this union there was a daughter, Sarah, who died young. He married second, Martha E. McLean. Of this union there was a son Samuel, who died when twelve years old. He married third, Mrs. Lillie King.  
 3 William (163) born Dec. 13, 1813: died in infancy.  
 4 Mary (164) born Dec. 30, 1814: never married: known as "Aunt Polly": died Mar. 26, 1894.  
 5 Eleanor Livingston (165) born Mar. 17, 1817. See "New York Walkers."





SAMUEL DOBRIN (16)



6 Isabel Christie (166) born Dec. 19, 1818: died June 19, 1837:  
buried in Christie graveyard.

7 James Mains (167) born Jan. 15, 1821.

8 John Miller (168) born Apr. 24, 1823.

Samuel Dobbin's second wife was Mrs. Ann McNaughton Dyer, a daughter of Alexander McNaughton.

There was one Child of this union.

9 William H. (169) born Jan. 12, 1840: died of fever in Nashville, Tenn. He was in 123rd. N. Y. V. and gave his life for his Country.

James Mains Dobbin (167) born Jan. 15, 1821: died June 7, 1890: married Catherine Campbell: born July 10, 1825: died Aug. 31, 1889.

They had eight Children.

1 Mary Isabel	(1671)	born in July, 1845.
2 Cornelia		born Sept. 26, 1848: died Mar. 7, 1863.
3 Jane A.		born Aug. 1, 1850: died Jan. 15, 1854.
4 Henry		born Nov. 5, 1857: died Feb. 21, 1863.
5 Frank		born Nov. 5, 1857: died Mar. 3, 1863.
6 Sarah Ellen	(1676)	born May 25, 1860: married on Dec. 6, 1883, George Hay.

They have two Children.

1 Wilson Hay (16761) born Aug. 30, 1884: married Edna Shields: born May 20, 1886. He is Road Commissioner of the Township of Greenwich, N. Y.

They have two Children.

1 Lawrence Hay	(167611)	born July 4, 1912.
2 Catherine Hay	(167612)	born Dec. 19, 1916.
2 Lulu Hay	(16762)	born Sept. 14, 1886.
7 Grace Christie	(1677)	born Aug. 3, 1862: married on Oct. 30, 1890, Ezra James McClaughry: born Feb. 8, 1863: died July 31, 1916.

They had three Children.

1 Guy Dobbin McClaughry (16771) born Mar. 23, 1895: married on July 27, 1924, Marion Gladys Moon: born in July, 1905.

They have one Child.

1 Marilyn Jean McClaughry (167711) born April 30, 1925.

2 E. Jay McClaughry (16772) born Dec. 26, 1896.

3 Catherine Sophia McClaughry (16773) born Mar. 15, 1901: died Aug. 31, 1901.

8 William S. (1678) born July 5, 1864: died Sept. 30, 1931: married on Aug. 26, 1896, Jennie Horsfield: born Sept. 21, 1863. All his life after leaving the farm, he was engaged in Mercantile work in the Village of Greenwich, N. Y. He was the first President of the Dobbin Family Organization, serving 1924-5.

Mary Isabel Dobbin (1671) born in July, 1845: married in



Nov. 1864, John Gilchrist: born in March, 1835; died in Dec. 1914. "Belle" as Mary Isabel was called, died in November, 1926. They had thirteen Children: all born in Greenwich, New York.

## Surname Gilchrist.

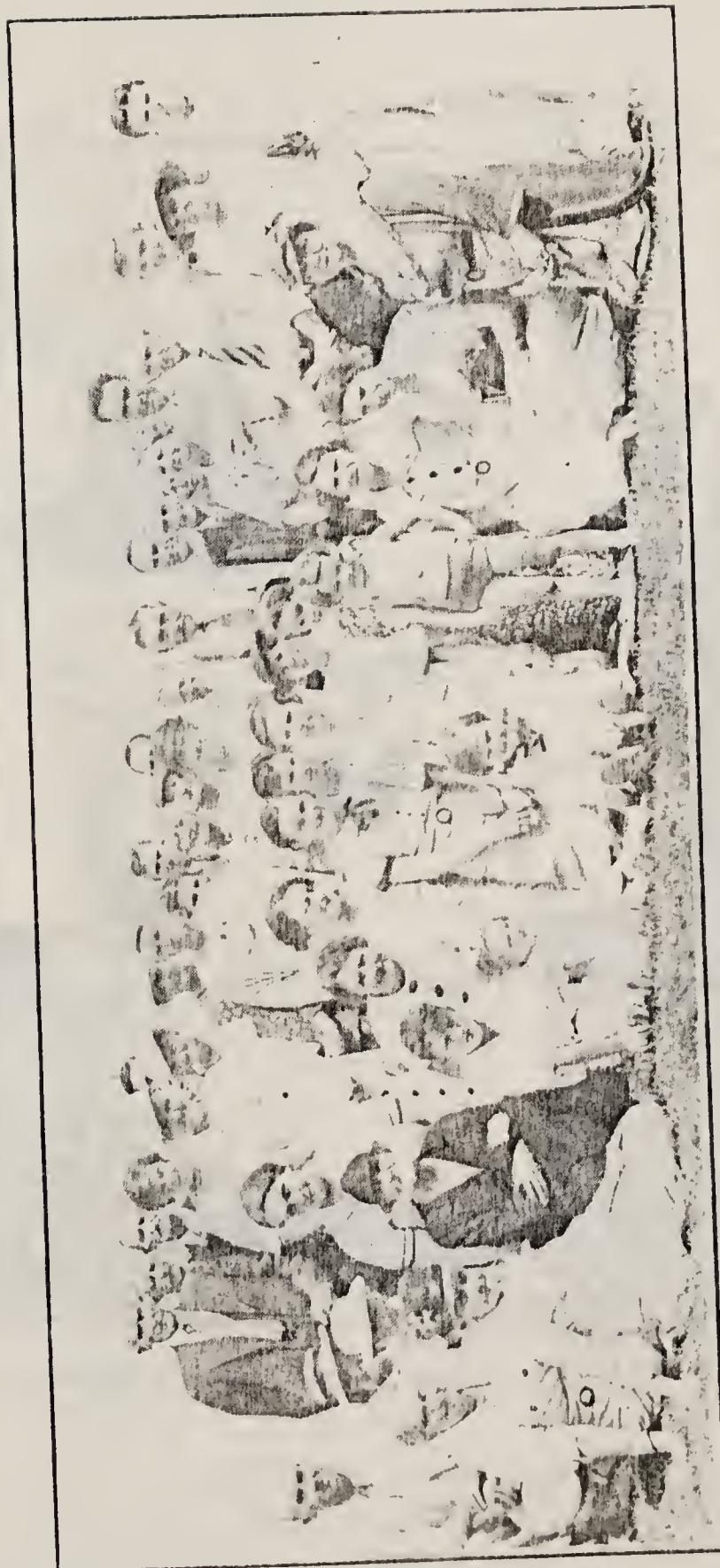
1	Dyer	(16711)	born in October, 1865: living in Nevada in 1927: now (1935) living in Hillside, Arizona.
2	Frank	(16712)	born in January, 1867: died in 1902.
3	Fra	(16713)	born Dec. 25, 1868: married on Feb. 26, 1897, Rodney F. McCandless, born in April, 1866. He was for several years a Cost Expert of the Nash Motor Co. They still live in Kenosha, Wis.; have a Cottage at a lake in Northern Wis. and spend their winters in Fla.
4	Julia	(16714)	born Sept. 7, 1870: married in July, 1902, Frank Mason: lawyer in N. Y. City; now Counsel for The American Water Works and Electric Co. Their home at present, (1935) is at 3441, 79th. St., New York, N. Y.
5	Nannie		born in 1872.
6	Raymond		born in 1874.
7	Cassie		born in 1875.
8	Manton		born in 1876. These four Children died within a few days of one another of diphtheria in 1878.
9	Grace	(16719)	born in Dec., 1879; a Certified Nurse, now living in Greenwich, New York.
10	Jay Dobbin	(1671(10))	born Aug. 7, 1879: married on June 14, 1905, Helen Gertrude Myers, born Nov. 27, 1884. Their home is in the Village of Battenville, Township of Greenwich, Wash. Co., N. Y.

They have seven Children.

## Surname Gilchrist.

1	Maude Reinette	(1671(10)1)	born Mar. 22, 1906.
2	Nina Mae	(1671(10)2)	born Dec. 12, 1908.
3	Paul Alton	(1671(10)3)	born June 8, 1911.
4	Ione Evelyn	(1671(10)4)	born Oct. 19, 1913.
5	Duane Jay	(1671(10)5)	born July 11, 1915.
6	Violet Grace	(1671(10)6)	born Feb. 24, 1918.
7	Gertrude Isabel	(1671(10)7)	born Jan. 26, 1920.
11	Harry	(1671(11))	born in Jan., 1881: married in July, 1920; has lived for years in Saratoga Co., N. Y.: has worked in the Village of Ballston Spa; has two Children.
	1	Donald Gale Gilchrist	(1671(11)1) born Feb. 4, 1922.
	2	Shirley Grace Gilchrist	(1671(11)2) born in Sept., 1929.
12	Max	(1671(12))	born in Oct., 1883: not married; left home many years ago, thought to be in the Navy.
13	Gail	(1671(13))	born in Aug., 1886; not married; at one time living in Albany, N. Y.; at present (1935) living in Greenwich, N. Y.





GROUP AT DOBBIN REUNION PICNIC, AUGUST 15, 1935





HATTIE M. DOBBIN (1682). DOBBIN FAMILY REUNION, AUGUST 14, 1935



John Miller Dobbin (168) born Apr. 24, 1823: died June 28, 1883. A farmer near East Greenwich, N. Y. He married Phoebe McLean Graham: born Feb. 5, 1824: died May 30, 1885; daughter of James Graham of Putnam, Washington Co., N. Y.

Their family consisted of two daughters.

- 1 Sarah Jane (1681) born June 20, 1847: died June 8, 1921: always known as "Jennie." She married on Dec. 4, 1900, John McGeoch, a widower who died Feb. 17, 1922.
- 2 Mary Hattie (1682) born Feb. 7, 1860: always known as "Hattie." She transposed her two given names, making her name Hattie M. Dobbin. After the death of her Sister and the sister's husband John McGeoch, Hattie has lived alone in the small farm house, delightfully located near the Battenkill River, about one mile South West of the village of East Greenwich. It was the house in which she was born.

She has always been interested in Genealogy, especially in the Dobbin and Graham families and without question, carries in her mind more information on our line of Dobbin than any other living person.

She was chiefly responsible for the formation of The Dobbin Family Organization in 1924, which has held a Reunion Picnic every year since that time. Thus, has she brought about a closer bond between the members of the family, especially those residing in Washington, Saratoga, Schenectady and Montgomery Counties, N. Y.

She is a most loyal and devoted member of the United Presbyterian Church of East Greenwich where her parents, grandparents and other near relatives worshiped.

### THE TWO WALKER FAMILIES

Two Dobbin girls married Walkers, George and John, brothers, the seventh and eighth, respectively, in a family of ten children. They were born in the Township of Hebron, Washington Co., N. Y., to James Walker, born near Edinburgh, Scotland, and his wife Helen Oliver.

Eleanor Livingston Dobbin (165) married George Oliver Walker. As they always lived in New York State, their descendants may be designated The New York Walkers.

Margaret Christie Dobbin (1111) married John Walker, going with him directly to his farm in the Somonauk Country, Illinois. Their descendants may be designated the Illinois Walkers.

### THE NEW YORK WALKERS

Eleanor Livingston Dobbin (165) born Mar. 17, 1817, in Township of Greenwich, Washington Co., N. Y.: died Apr. 2, 1894, at her home near Mariaville, Schenectady Co., N. Y. She married on Mar. 15, 1828, George Oliver Walker: born Feb. 4, 1816: died Nov. 5, 1896. Ten Children were born to them, all in the Township of Greenwich.



## Surname Walker.

1	Sarah	(1651)	born Apr. 3, 1840: died May 7, 1909. She married 1st, Thomas Dougal; had a son Thomas James Dougal; born Jan. 16, 1864: died in youth. 2nd. On Oct. 22, 1868, William Clogston: had a son George William Clogston: died young. 3rd. William Strong.
2	Robert		born July 15, 1841: died Sept. 8, 1842.
3	Helen Maria	(1653)	born Mar. 28, 1843.
4	James		born Mar. 16, 1845: died Mar. 18, 1863.
5	Jennette	(1655)	born May 1, 1847.
6	Mary Jane	(1656)	born Aug. 9, 1852.
7	Margaret Isabel	(1657)	born Dec. 22, 1854.
8	Martha		born Sept. 14, 1855.
9	Elizabeth Mains	(1659)	born Dec. 17, 1856: married James Mabee Gardinier who died June 9, 1919.
10	John Samuel	(165(10))	born June 6, 1859.

Helen Maria Walker (1653) born Mar. 28, 1843: died Oct. 14, 1891: married first, on Oct. 12, 1862, John Mabee. Children of this union with

## Surname Mabee.

1	Malisa Angelica	(16531)	born Feb. 14, 1864: died Apr., 1905. She married John Robertson: had one child, Edna Robertson (165311) born Feb. 20, 1890, at Greenwich, N. Y.
2	Evangelica	(16532)	born Sept. 24, 1865: married S. A. Matthieu, Executive Sec. Buffalo Academy of Medicine. They have one Child, Elgie Louise Matthieu (165321) born May 22, 1903, at Greenwich, N. Y.
3	Simon	(16533)	born Feb. 27, 1870: died Oct. 14, 1902. He married on Mar. 7, 1891, Addie Elizabeth Monroe: had one Son, Earl Simon Mabee (165331) born in 1897: died in 1921.
4	Mattie Hannah	(16534)	Second she married John Boynton, Children of this union. Surname Boynton. born July 1, 1877: died Oct. 14, 1924. She married on Jan. 1, 1902, William Dickson: had one Child Howard Boynton Dickson (165341) born May 30, 1906.
5	Nellie Grace	(16535)	born Aug. 2, 1878: married on Mar. 30, 1898, Frank Sullivan and has one Child, Lloyd Calvin Sullivan (165351) born July 22, 1902. He married in 1927, Ruth Elizabeth Knox.

Jennette Walker (1655) born May 1, 1847: died July 6, 1895: married on Feb. 2, 1869, John Walker (distant relative): born June 9, 1840: died Dec. 22, 1894. They have nine Children.

1	Alma	(16551)	born Jan. 2, 1871.
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2	William		born in 1872, died when a few months old.
3	William	(16553)	born May 5, 1873.
4	Mary	(16554)	born July 6, 1874: graduate nurse, practicing in Schenectady, N. Y.
5	Helen	(16555)	born Feb. 10, 1876: graduate nurse: married on June 2, 1915, William Yorkston, a widower, born in Scotland. For many years Foreman of the Pattern Shop of the American Locomotive Co., Schenectady, N. Y.
6	Harriet	(16556)	born Jan. 3, 1878: married on Sept. 20, 1920, Claude B. Huston, Engineer in Industrial Department of the Gen. Electric Co.
7	Margaret Isabel	(16557)	born April 3, 1879.
8	Viola	(16558)	born July 15, 1881: married in June, 1906, Rev. Henry A. Pearce, Pastor of Presbyterian Church in West Orange, N. J.

They have two Children.

1	Margery Elizabeth	(165581)	born Dec. 21, 1912: graduate of High School: business course: Secretary to Principal of School.
2	Eleanor Jean	(165582)	born May 10, 1917: in second year, Beaver College, Penn.
9	Nettie Bell		born July 7, 1888: died Jan. 17, 1892.

Alma Walker (16551) born Jan. 2, 1871: married William O. Jeffers on Nov. 14, 1888. They have a fully equipped dairy farm at Pattersonville, Schenectady Co., N. Y.; specializing in Guernsey cows and supplying Grade A. pasteurized milk to the retailers.

They have three Children.

1	Margaret	(165511)	born Sept. 8, 1891: married Andrew Jackson Schuyler. She has been for several years Teacher of Dramatics in High School, Amsterdam, Montgomery Co., N. Y.
2	Helen Madeline	(165512)	born May 27, 1898: married William Foley, an Electrician.
3	William Walker	(165513)	born Jan. 13, 1900: married Mrs. Emma Hill Stair. He is a dairy and general produce farmer near Pattersonville.

William Walker (16553) born May 5, 1873: married Martha Quick on Aug. 31, 1897. During his business life he has been connected with several Traffic Companies; Superintendent for about fifteen years of the Springfield and Worcester, Mass., Street Railway Co.; three years General Manager of Hartford (Conn.) and Springfield Railway Co.; four years General Manager of New Haven and Shore Line Railway Co. At present (1935) he is Superintendent of Schenectady Rapid Transit Co.



They have two Sons.

1 William John (165531) born Sept. 2, 1907, in Springfield, Mass.; student at Union College two years; now in the Vacuum Tube Engineering Dept. of General Electric Co., Schenectady, N. Y.

2 George Addison (165532) born June 5, 1909, in Westfield, Mass.; student for a time in Union College; now in Traffic Dept., General Electric Co., Bridgeport, Conn.

Margaret Isabel Walker (1657) born Dec. 22, 1854: died Feb. 28, 1892. She married on Sept. 9, 1874, Harmon Kerns, their two Children are:

1 William S. Kerns (16571) born May 11, 1876: married Nov. 30, 1905, Bessie Lovely. He was formerly an employee of N. Y. Central Railroad.

2 Ina Kerns (16572) born Feb. 8, 1878: married on June 13, 1895, Lester Becker, formerly an employee of the B. & M. R. R. They had one Child, Harmon W. Becker (165721) born Oct. 18, 1896: died Apr. 28, 1907.

Mary Jane Walker (1656)—See Brumagim Family.

John Samuel Walker (165(10)) born June 6, 1859, in Township of Greenwich, New York: married on June 10, 1891, Elizabeth Perkins: born Apr. 5, 1870, in Amsterdam, N. Y. They lived for many years in their own home on Florida St., Amsterdam. Their family consisted of four Sons.

1 William Edward (165(10)1) born Feb. 19, 1893: B.S. Colgate, 1914: married on June 20, 1925, Dorothy Cora Fay: born Feb. 11, 1900. He is now (1935) connected with the Revere Copper and Brass Co. Inc., at Rome, N. Y.

They have two Children.

1 William Edward Jr. (165(10)11) born April 29, 1928.

2 Beverly Jane (165(10)12) born Jan. 4, 1930.

2 John Perkins (165(10)2) born Aug. 23, 1897: died June 9, 1929.

3 George Oliver (165(10)3) born Sept. 5, 1902: B.S. Colgate (1924) married on June 17, 1925, Wilhelmina Mahl; has been for several years Manager of the New York Telephone Co., Schenectady. Resides at 2 Grosvenor Square.

They had two Children.

1 Howard Mahl (165(10)31) born Jan. 22, 1927.

2 Barbara Ann (165(10)32) born Oct. 18, 1931: died Nov. 4, 1931.

4 James Albert (165(10)4) born Apr. 29, 1907: A.B. Colgate (1928) married on Dec. 29, 1928, Elizabeth Agnes Kerr. He has



been a Teacher in 9th. Grade, Junior High School in Amsterdam for seven years; now resides at 20 Crescent Ave.

They have one Child.

James Albert, Jr., (165(10)41) born July 25, 1929.

### THE BRUMAGIM FAMILY

Mary Jane Walker (1656) born Aug. 9th. 1852; died May 28th. 1916: married in Feb. 1872, Charles H. Brumagim. Thirteen Children were born to them. The two oldest were born in Mariaville, Sch. Co. The youngest in Schenectady and the rest at the Old Homestead at Bulls Head in the Town of Florida in Montgomery Co.

1	Elizabeth	(16561)	born May 1st, 1873: died June 16th, 1911; was buried in Fairview Cemetery in Amsterdam. She married on June 12th, 1896, Samuel S. Sweet.
2	George O.	(16562)	born June 7th, 1875.
3	Mary Belle	(16563)	born Feb. 20th, 1877: died Apr. 19th, 1893.
4	Adaline Gertrude	(16564)	born Apr. 3rd, 1878.
5	Edythe	(16565)	born June 7th, 1880.
6	Peter A.	(16566)	born Apr. 30th, 1882; died Dec. 17th, 1902. He married on Oct. 10th, 1902, Laura Horton.
7	Olive K.	(16567)	born Dec. 11th, 1883: married on April 14th, 1904, Frederick C. Aber. They have one Child.
Frederick C. Aber, Jr. (165671) Student at Harvard University (1935).			
8	John S.	(16568)	born May 26th, 1885: married on Jan. 6th, 1909, Anna Carlson. They have one Child.
Dorothy Jane (165681) born Mar. 18th, 1920.			
9	Robert B.	(16569)	born Apr. 5th, 1887.
10	Charles	(1656(10))	born Dec. 2nd, 1888: died Dec. 18th, 1895.
11	Eloise M.	(1656(11))	born Dec. 11th, 1890.
12	Freeman M.	(1656(12))	born Aug. 22nd, 1892.
13	Hazel W.	(1656(13))	born Jan. 17th, 1897: married on Nov. 22nd, 1917, Louis M. Hallenbeck.

George O. Brumagim (16562) born June 7th. 1875: married on June 17th. 1902, Mayme Gillans. They have three Children.

1	William David	(165621)	born Apr. 18th, 1905: lives in Amsterdam.
2	Charles George	(165622)	born May 30th, 1907: lives in Amsterdam.
3	Margaret Mary	(165623)	born Feb. 18th, 1910: a clerk in N. Y. State Office Bldg. in Albany.



Edythe Brumagim (16565) born June 7th. 1880: married on Oct. 25th. 1905, Francis J. Johnson: have three Children.

- 1 Dorothy Jane Johnson (165651) born Sept. 18th, 1909.
- 2 Richard Johnson (165652) born Aug. 3rd, 1911: Graduate of Hope College, Mich., 1933.
- 3 Ruth Johnson (165653) born Aug. 13th, 1920.

Robert B. Brumagim (16569) born Apr. 4th. 1897: was one of the Supervisors of Montgomery Co. for twenty years, clerk of the Board for fourteen years: Mayor of Amsterdam two years. Married on July 24th. 1906, Julia Smith. They have four Children.

- 1 Robert S. (165691) born Dec. 6th, 1907: married Eola Williamson of Syracuse: both are Graduates of Syracuse Univ. He is a Teacher in Seneca Falls High School.
- 2 Evelyn Isabelle (165692) born Mar. 21st, 1909: died Aug. 8th, 1928, at Camp Margra-Belle, Wells, N. Y.
- 3 Richard Brumagim (165693) born Sept. 20th, 1911: married on July 16th, 1930, Katherine Riley. They have one Child.
- 4 Janet Catherine (1656931) born May 24th, 1931, in Amsterdam.
- 5 Margaret Emma (165694) born Feb. 27th, 1915, in Amsterdam. She is entering Skidmore College, Saratoga, Sept. (1935).

Eloise M. Brumagim (1656(11)) born Dec. 11th. 1890: married June 7th. 1911 Frank O. Howland. They live in Utica, N. Y.; have four Children.

- 1 Frank Owain Howland, Jr. (1656(11)1) born Aug. 7th, 1912. Student in Colgate Univ. (1935).
- 2 Jared Leroy Howland (1656(11)2) born June 5th, 1914. Student in Colgate Univ. (1935).
- 3 Caroline Jane Howland (1656(11)3) born Dec. 27th, 1921.
- 4 Evelyn Gertrude Howland (1656(11)4) born Dec. 27th, 1921.

Freeman M. Brumagim (1656(12)) born Aug. 27th. 1892: married Mayme Clary on Jan. 22nd. 1917; living in Buffalo, N. Y. They have three Children.

- 1 James (1656(12)1) born June 27th, 1918: died Sept. 6th, 1923.
- 2 Charles Robert (1656(12)2) born June 11th, 1919.
- 3 Barbara Jane (1656(12)3) born July 27th, 1921.

### THE ILLINOIS WALKERS

Margaret Christie Dobbin (1111) born Mar. 24, 1824, in Township of Greenwich, N. Y.: died Apr. 4, 1899, at her home near Somonauk, Ill., and was buried in Oakmound Cemetery. She



married on Feb. 2, 1860, John Walker, a widower, who was born Apr. 15, 1818, in Township of Hebron, Washington Co., N. Y., going with him at once, to his home in Waterman, Ill. He was a farmer; died at Sandwich, Ill., on Feb. 2, 1910.

Their Children, born in Waterman, were:

- 1 & 2 Twin boys: born Apr. 3, 1861: died soon after birth.
- 3 Elizabeth Walker (11113) born Oct. 11, 1862: died July 22, 1930. She never married; lived for years in Sandwich, Ill.; died at her brother's in Aurora, Ill.
- 4 Edward Samuel Walker (11114) born Mar. 20, 1866: married on June 14, 1887, at White City, County Morris, Kansas, Sarah Ella Strahl, who was born Feb. 1, 1868, at Dallas Center, Iowa. They now (1935) live at 221 Prairie Street, Aurora, Ill.

They have had seven Children.

- 1 Margaret Christie (111141) born June 12, 1888.
- 2 David Erasmus (111142) born Feb. 22, 1890.
- 3 John Sawyer (111143) born Mar. 9, 1892.
- 4 Abraham Franklin (111144) born Mar. 29, 1894.
- 5 Ella Mae (111145) born Nov. 8, 1897.
- 6 Glen Bruce (111146) born Mar. 4, 1900.
- 7 Flora Esther (111147) born Sept. 6, 1903.

Margaret Christie Walker (111141) born June 12, 1888, at White City, Kan.: married on Mar. 15, 1919 at Valmora, New Mexico, William C. Hutchins, born May 31, 1890 at Sioux City, Iowa. She died Mar. 24, 1924, at Albuquerque, N. M., of tuberculosis.

She had one Child.

William Chadwick Hutchins, Jr. (1111411) born Aug. 15, 1921; died in infancy.

David Erasmus Walker (111142) born Feb. 22, 1890, at White City, Kan.: A.B. at Lake Forest College in 1912; married on June 19, 1913, at Polo, Ill., Edith B. Pollock, born May 16, 1890, at Polo, Ill. They have lived in Aurora and DeKalb. At present (1935) he is Assistant Superintendent of the Evanston, Ill., Schools.

Their Children are:

- 1 Edward Bruce (1111421) born July 6, 1916, at DeKalb, Ill.
- 2 Annette Louise (1111422) born Feb. 15, 1919, at Aurora, Ill.
- 3 William James (1111423) born Dec. 14, 1920, at Evanston, Ill.

John Sawyer Walker (111143) born Mar. 9, 1892, at White City, Kan.: B.S. in 1915, Univ. of Illinois; served in World War in Aero Squadron 2484917, being stationed in England for several months. He married at Peoria, Ill., on Aug. 2, 1922, Viola Claribel Peterson, born Sept. 9, 1902, at Peoria.

They have no Children.

Abraham Franklin Walker (111144) born Mar. 29, 1894, at Frankfort, Ill.: B.S. in 1917, Univ. of Illinois; married Dec. 27,



1921, at Montecello, Iowa, Ethel Mary Hutton, born Sept. 25, 1891. They have lived at Strawberry Point and Montecello, Iowa.

They have three Children.

- 1 Jean Hutton (1111441) born Oct. 27, 1924, at Montecello.
- 2 David Glenn (1111442) born Apr. 16, 1927, at Montecello.
- 3 Barbara Ella (1111443) born Jan. 31, 1930.

Ella Mae Walker (111145) born Nov. 8, 1897, at Somonauk, Ill.: married at Pasadena Cal., on Oct. 30, 1921, Eldred Carlton Williams, born Dec. 14, 1893, at Enid, Oklahoma. They lived in Los Angeles, Cal.; have one Child; mother and child now living with her parents in Aurora, Ill. She is a Trained Nurse.

They have one Child.

- 1 Glen Eldred Williams (1111451) born Aug. 17, 1922, in Los Angeles.

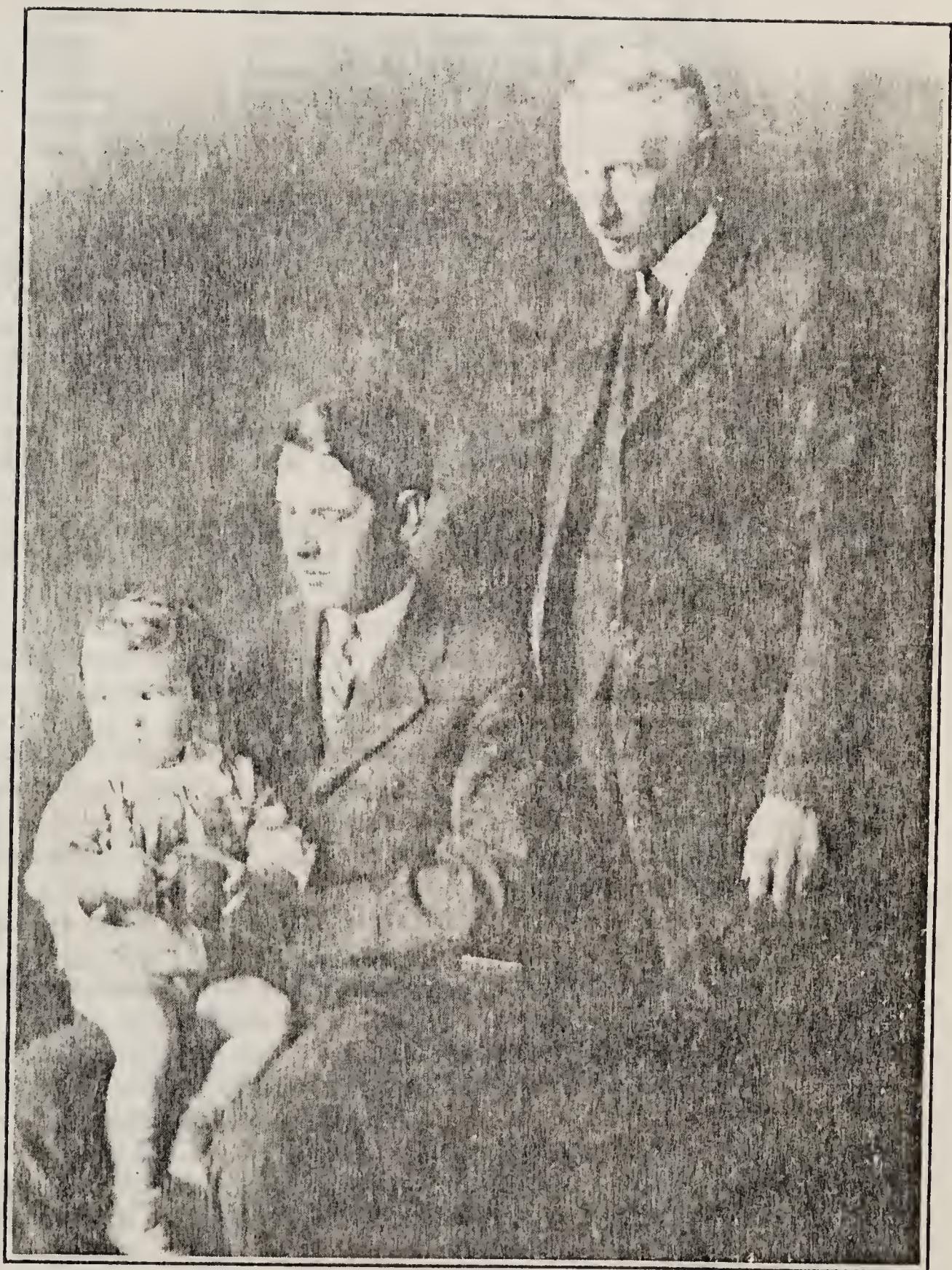
Glenn Bruce Walker (111146) born Mar. 4, 1900, in Aurora, Ill.: he was a Student in Univ. of Illinois two years and in Bradley College one year. During the World War he was training in S. A. T. C. at the University. He had diphtheria and did not go back to graduate. He now (1935) lives in Chicago.

Flora Esther Walker (111147) born Sept. 6, 1903, in Aurora, Ill.: married on Feb. 26, 1921, Gale Edward Copping, born Jan. 13, 1899, near Petoskey, Mich. They lived for a time in Grand Rapids, Mich.: are now living in Aurora, Ill.

They have three Children.

- 1 Gale Dean Copping (1111471) born Sept. 3, 1922, at Grand Rapids, Mich.
- 2 Marilyn Jean Copping (1111472) born Feb. 4, 1925, at Aurora, Ill.
- 3 Robert Edward Copping (1111473) born Oct. 26, 1932.





WILLIAM J. FOSTER (1442), WILLIAM J. FOSTER, JR. (14421) AND  
WILLIAM J. FOSTER 3RD (144211), FEBRUARY 14, 1925



James	born Feb. 18, 1820: died Feb. 17, 1911.
William	born Sept. 13, 1821: died Sept. 12, 1822.
Sarah	born April 22, 1823: died Jan. 3, 1907.
Susannah	born July 1, 1825: died Jan. 31, 1902.
Mary	born Sept. 29, 1826: died Jan. 30, 1911.
David	born July 25, 1828: died Mar. 5, 1888.
William	born July 20, 1830: died Mar. 22, 1900.
Andrew	born May 17, 1832: died Jan. 16, 1916.
Jane Elizabeth	born May 15, 1838: died May 21, 1924.

Four brothers and four sisters of this family grew up: married and had children with the exception that Susannah and Jane did not have children. All were farmers, seven of them having farms in the Township of Argyle and one in Hebron, all located within a radius of four miles.

The average length of their lives was seventy-nine and three-tenths years.

James, the oldest, my father, gradually assumed the management of the farm and did not marry until after his mother's death.

I, his second son, was born Sept. 17, 1860, seven months before the outbreak of the Civil War. My older brother David and I were constant playfellows and companions for years. Our parents found David so determined not to go to school until Willie went with him that a compromise resulted, and I began my school education one term before five years old. The school house was a full mile from our house. There were only three houses on the way, a hilly road, but there was a cross gander at one house and a big yellow dog at another that always came bounding out and barked at us as he escorted us past. In those days district schools had two terms a year, winter and summer.

My first winter term was at the age of six and John Martin, a gallant soldier of the 123rd N. Y. V., was teacher. He had lost a leg in the Chancellorsville engagement: had a wooden limb which probably did not fit very well, as he came at times without it. With his crutches he could beat any of the boys in a race. He had a brilliant mind and a little later was taken into the U. S. Customs Service where he remained the rest of his life and where he was given the title, Colonel.

One day while struggling with his class of beginners in Arithmetic, he lost his patience and exclaimed "little Willie Foster knows that," and put the question to me sitting in the back part of the room. The result was he put me in the class. Naturally, that put me on my mettle and I tried hard to maintain the reputation I had suddenly acquired. He must have told the incident to his father who lived in a little house about two hundred yards away; since, a year or two later, the old gentleman called to me to come into his house, I went in gingerly, as war had been declared by him upon the school children and maintained year after year. This new acquaintance proved valuable to me later on.



Meantime I advanced rapidly in arithmetic: when ten years old, the teacher, a young woman much superior to the average of the district school teachers of the day, offered to bet ten dollars there was not a problem in the old Adams Arithmetic that I could not do. I hoped no one would take her up, as there was one in the back of the book that I felt shaky about. It involved three men walking at different speeds, starting off together, and going around an island of certain diameter: when would the three be abreast again. This problem belongs to algebra, and none of our teachers knew algebra. Somewhat later, Mr. Martin loaned me an algebra and after a time a text-book on Surveying and Navigation.

When about thirteen I quit going to school in summer time and worked hard on the farm as did David who began ploughing at thirteen. We attended school in winter: when I was sixteen we began going to the Argyle Academy, winters only. During the first two winters we drove from home, morning, and back at night, six miles of hilly road, rain or shine. The third winter, our sister, a girl cousin, and a boy cousin joined us in a party taking rooms and boarding ourselves. We took practically all our provisions with us from our homes every Monday morning.

The Principal of the Academy was George A. Hoadley, a graduate of Union College, an excellent teacher who later was Professor of Physics at Swarthmore College for many years, Author of Text Books, etc. He put me in the advanced class in Algebra at the start and followed up with Geometry and Trigonometry. During the third winter, he told me I ought to go to college. So I took the matter up with the folks at home and found them agreeable. I suspected Mother and Grandmother Dobbin were pleased, as they hoped I would some day be a Minister. It was arranged that I should attend the Academy the spring term. This I did, concentrating on Latin and brushing up on other subjects, so as to be ready to take College entrance examinations. The last week in June, 1879, I went to Schenectady, met the interested Professors of Union College and was allowed to register for the A.B. Degree four years later in the Scientific Course, and at the same time was assured there would be no trouble in arranging to carry Greek as an extra. This was to provide for the contingency of entering a Theological Seminary.

During the summer following, I changed my plans; instead of entering college I went to a College Preparatory School, The Island Grove School, Fort Edward, N. Y., and spent a year of intensive work on Greek and Latin. My roommate and chum was William H. Williams of North Argyle. He and I entered Williams College in September, 1880, and roomed together there four years with scarcely a word of disagreement. My preparatory work had been so sketchy and irregular that I rather ex-



pected at least one condition. Upon returning home at end of first term to spend the Holidays, I found Grandmother Dobbin on her death bed. She passed away that first night. On returning from the burial in South Argyle graveyard I was taken with a chill. The Doctor was called the next morning and pronounced the trouble measles. The outcome was the introduction into the community of an epidemic and the loss of about two weeks of the second term. Upon returning to College I was surprised to find my name among the three or four that were being discussed as the leader of our class. At the end of Sophomore year the First in Mathematics was to me and Prizes in other subjects that year and the following years came my way. My Classmates made me President of the Class Junior Year. At the end of that year, I was one of the four men elected to the honorary Phi Beta Kappa Society. Williams College for many years gave the Phi Beta Honor to a much smaller percentage of the graduates than did the average college. Honorary Scholarships awarded to me and private tutoring which I did helped materially to pay expenses.

Soon after graduating in 1884, President Carter wrote me the Trustees of the College had voted to establish a Temporary Fellowship that would be sufficient to pay all my expenses for a year of postgraduate work in Mathematics under Prof. Safford, provided I would accept. It was to be understood that I was to give certain instructions to undergraduates when called upon. I accepted. Henry Lefavour, the honor man in Mathematics and Science in the Class of 1883, was my companion during the year. We did some work in making astronomical observations. But, the most of our time was spent in calculating the orbits of newly discovered planetoids; Prof. Safford working in conjunction with German Astronomers; and in getting an inkling into the mysteries of certain Higher Mathematics. Lefavour did more post-graduate work in German Universities: earned his Ph.D.: and has spent his life as an educator, first, as Professor of Physics at Williams and second as Organizer and first President of Simmons College, Boston; recently retired.

For my year's work and my record as a teacher in secondary schools, Williams gave me the A.M. degree in 1887.

Uncertain as to whether I would be successful in teaching, I became Assistant Principal of the Burr and Burton Seminary, Manchester, Vt., in the fall of 1885: spent one year there, enjoying my school work and the social life of the village: not only did I play the roll of father to the boys, but was their barber: was President of the Shakespeare Club in the Village: Teacher in Sunday School of the Congregational Church, etc. It was the first time in my life that I had an opportunity of getting acquainted with and having social relations with a goodly number of the other sex.



During the Easter Recess, spent at home, Argyle, N. Y., a telegram from Dr. John Meigs of Hill School, Pottstown, Penna., invited me to meet him in Williamstown, Mass., with reference to an engagement. I met him and engaged for one year, still having in mind more postgraduate work and eventually a professorship in some University. I found the Hill School an ideal institution in most respects; one where the boys learned how to study, acquired good habits of living, and learned to properly balance hard work with play. John Meigs was a model schoolmaster. It was an education in itself to be associated with him in teaching.

Instead of remaining simply one year, I stayed four. Toward the end of every year, the "Professor" offered inducements, including a good increase in salary. Finally, in June, 1890, I was released. Early in July of that year I attended the Meeting of the National Educational Association in St. Paul. It was the first time I had been as far West as Chicago. After the Convention was over, I made a visit of one week at Dr. Dobbin's home in Faribault, Minn. I had known him by reputation, but had never met him before. I remember him most pleasantly as also Mrs. Dobbin (Mrs. Ames in her first marriage), their two boys Edward and John, and Joseph Ames who just previously had gotten his A.B. degree at Johns Hopkins and arrived home while I was there. Since that time he has been Professor of Physics and then President of Johns Hopkins.

In Sept., 1890, I registered at Cornell for postgraduate work in Physics and Electrical Engineering. My work was of such a character that I spent much of the vacation and holiday time in the laboratories; thus, I accomplished more than a normal year's work. The Professors whom I majored under were Dr. Edward L. Nichols and Harris J. Ryan. They gave me the M.S. degree at Commencement, 1891.

On August 10, 1891, classified as an "Expert" I began work with the Thomson-Houston Electrical Manufacturing Co., Lynn, Mass. The hours were fifty-nine a week, 6:30 A.M. to 6 P.M. for five days with one hour out for dinner and 6:30 A.M. to 1 P.M. Saturday. The duties of the Experts were of great variety and quite novel to me, such as testing machines and electrical apparatus of all kinds after it was completed and before shipment: assembling trolley cars and testing: taking care of the motors driving the shop machinery; keeping all wiring and switches concerned in lighting the offices and the shops, in repair, etc., etc. After a few months of this general work, I was transferred to the Engineering Department, in Feb., 1892, to H. G. Reist's Office, Engineer in charge of Direct Current Generator Design and Other Special Apparatus. I was then put on the Engineering Pay Roll at a small salary. Six or seven months later I was made Assistant Engineer of the Department. Just



prior to the appointment I was given an option by Mr. E. W. Rice, Chief Engineer of the Company, of undertaking to become Engineer of the Long Distance Transmission, a proposed new department. I told Mr. Rice that I wanted to get experience in machine design and to be close to an experienced design engineer; hence I preferred to stay with Mr. Reist.

The developments on hand at that time proved of great importance as they involved two entirely new machines,—the Induction Motor and the Synchronous Converter. The most of my time the next two or three years was spent on these two classes of machines. Another class of machine that took up considerable of my time in 1893 was the low voltage direct current generator for separating gold and silver from copper, smelted from certain ores.

About this time Charles P. Steinmetz joined us who was destined with his great mathematical and scientific mind, his indefatigable energy and industry to work revolutions in design and calculation methods.

The General Electric Company,—combination of the Thomson-Houston and the Edison General Electric Company,—came into existence at this time. Late in 1893 we learned that decision had been made by the Directors of the newly formed Company to concentrate the Executives, the Engineers, the Leading Commercial Men and the Manufacturing at Schenectady. The hegira occurred largely in the first two months of 1894. I remained in Lynn to follow the completion and testing of important machines for the Portland, Ore., General Electric Co. On the morning of April 10, 1894, I reported for work at the Schenectady Works.

A new Department, the Alternating Current Engineering, was organized with H. G. Reist, Engineer, and I, Ass't Engineer, Steinmetz working with us for a time.

Mr. Reist and I spent thirty-seven delightful years together, designing and building new and better machines repeatedly. Often orders were received for machines to replace those we had designed years previously although still in good condition. The reason for this was the latest were so much superior that no enterprising operating company could afford not to throw away his old and buy the new.

I cannot think of any other profession the pursuit of which would have given more satisfaction than Electrical Engineering during the period of my life. Contributory to this satisfaction and of great importance, if one is to enjoy life, is the character of his associates. I have been most fortunate in this respect. Within our own Company I had close relations with such engineers as E. W. Rice, Jr., Steinmetz, W. L. R. Emmet, Prof. Thomson and W. B. Potter. Outside the Company I had the friendship of many Consulting Engineers, Executives and Engineers of



Customers. My activities within the American Institute of Electrical Engineers (A. I. E. E.) brought me into contact with the leading engineers of competitive Companies as well as the engineering profession in general.

The character of my work required for best results my presence in the Works where the machines were being built and tested. But occasionally I would be asked to go away. It might be a conference on customers' premises with reference to new machines or a visit to machines that were not operating satisfactorily. Thus, I had trips to many places in the United States and occasionally to foreign countries.

An event pleasing to me and to my friends was the conferring of the honorary degree of Doctor of Science by Williams College at Commencement, 1925. On that occasion, Mrs. Foster and I were the guests of the College. Five others received the Doctor's Degree at the same time,—Dwight P. Morrow, Edward Bok, Hale Holden, a Congregational Minister of Hartford, Connecticut, and the President of Wesleyan College. While we were partaking of the Alumni Luncheon, our wives were entertained at luncheon by Mrs. Garfield, wife of the President of the College.

Another event, long to be remembered, was the Dinner given in my honor on the occasion of my retirement from active work. This occurred a few evenings before the retirement date, July 1, 1929. The Dinner, a formal affair, had been arranged some days in advance, nicely engraved invitations sent out, etc. The evening was spent largely in reminiscence. There was much after dinner speaking, and the presentation of gifts. Mr. Reist gave me a very pretty Longines gold watch, engraved in the inside "A Souvenir of 37 Years Association": other members of our Department gave a chain to match the watch. Another gift was a large Album filled with photographs of nearly all present, many of them taken for the occasion.

About two years after retiring, I was notified by the National Secretary of the A. I. E. E. that I had been selected as the Lamme Medalist for 1931, and asking if it would be agreeable to me to receive the Medal at the Annual Meeting of the Institute in June at Asheville, N. C. It was arranged as he suggested. A short session was scheduled for the Presentation. Later in the summer The Institute issued a little pamphlet entitled "Presentation of the Lamme Medal to William James Foster," from which I quote in full the address that was most personal, given by a comparatively young man who had been for some years in my Department in the General Electric Co., now a well known engineer, Philip L. Alger.

#### MR. ALGER'S ADDRESS

No one has been more intimately and continuously associated with the development of large electrical machinery during its period of most rapid progress than Mr. W. J. Foster.



After graduating from Williams College in 1884, he taught physics and chemistry at the Hill School in Pottstown for four years. While there, he grew interested in the local electric plant, and he not only assisted in its operation, but also tutored the operator in electricity so well that the man later became an independent consulting engineer. Through Mr. Foster's experimental and teaching work at the Hill School, he gained a clear appreciation of the fundamental laws of physics and particularly of the principles of heat flow, in which he took especial interest.

In August, 1891, William Foster joined the Thomson-Houston Company in Lynn as an expert, with a rate of pay of ten cents an hour. Dissatisfied with this income, he inquired for means to increase it, and was told that by passing an underwriter's examination he could be raised to fifteen cents an hour. He accomplished this objective in a short time, and thus achieved great distinction among his fellow experts, who were jealous of his magnificent income.

In 1892 Mr. Foster entered the design department, and he rapidly came into prominence in the design of special machines. Mr. Foster's first design job was on the first induction motor for commercial use built by the company. The man who started this work had become so impressed by the magnitude of the task before him that he suddenly left the company without giving notice.

One day in 1893 Mr. Foster received word that the Niagara Power Commission was expected the next day, and had asked that some method of changing from alternating current should be shown them. In the absence of the department head, Mr. Foster felt it was up to him to meet the emergency, and it suddenly occurred to him that he could construct a converting apparatus by adding slip-rings to a direct-current generator. Mr. E. W. Rice, Jr., was told of this proposal, and said at once that a model should be made ready. Mr. Foster, therefore, spent the whole night in the shop reconstructing two direct-current machines, removing the commutator of one and replacing it by slip-rings, so that it could be operated as an engine driven alternator, and adding slip-rings to the other, so that it could be driven as a motor. The next morning the machines were operated, and it was found that direct current could be taken from the commutator of the motor, as Mr. Foster had predicted. The Niagara Commission was much interested in the demonstration and in this way the development of the rotary converter by the Thomson-Houston Company was launched.

From this time on, until his retirement, he took an active part in the design of every important alternating-current machine built by the General Electric Company. For many years, he was responsible for the electrical design of all synchronous machines,



and in this way he was a leader in the gradual transition from revolving-armature, smooth-core machines to the modern deep-slot, revolving-field machines of tremendously increased ratings.

Many of the machines of Mr. Foster's design are of especial interest, because they marked turning points in the art. Among these may be mentioned the Lachine Rapids generators, built in 1896, of 700 kw., 4,400 volts, with internal revolving fields, which had the first dry tape and varnish insulated coils; the 12,000-volt, 750-kva., 38-cycle, water-wheel generators at Mechanicsville, built in 1897; and the external revolving field generators of 3,750 kva., 250 r.p.m., built for Niagara Falls in 1900, which had the highest efficiency then attained.

Later important machines were the Keokuk 9,000-kva., 58-r.p.m., 11,000-volt generators, which have been in continuous service for 20 years; the Cedar Rapids generators of 10,000-kva., 56-r.p.m., built in 1913, which had 136 poles, and an outside diameter of more than 37 feet; the 32,500-kva. Niagara generators of 1918, which had an efficiency of over 98 per cent at unity power factor; and the 65,000-kva. Niagara generators built in 1922.

Mr. Foster has been an outstanding leader in the development of turbine generator designs from their first beginnings until they reached a size of over 50,000 kilowatts. He designed the 5,000-kilowatt steam turbine drive generator, built for the famous Curtis turbine in the Fisk Street Station, Chicago, 1903, which was the first of the modern steam turbine driven units. Among the later turbine generators Mr. Foster designed, two of the most important are the 30,000-kw., 0.85-power factor, Calumet machines, and the 50,000, 1,200-r.p.m. units for the Commonwealth Edison Company.

All of Mr. Foster's design work was characterized by an insistence on adequate ventilation and conservative values of the design constants, so that many of his machines have made outstanding records for long service. He was a leader in the development of subdivided conductors to avoid stray losses, the use of radial ventilating systems in turbine alternators, the development of varnished cloth insulation, and the procurement of sinusoidal-voltage wave forms.

Mr. Foster's careful attention to details of design, and his wonderful memory, have made him a foremost authority in his field, so that operating and construction men throughout the country have sought and valued his advice. On one occasion, after records had been searched for hours to locate information on a very old machine, Mr. Foster gave offhand the inside and outside diameter and length of the punchings, and the number and size of the armature slots. All dimensions were exact, except the width of the slot, which was off by three mils. This is one of



many instances when Mr. Foster gave offhand details of design and performance of machines that were 15 or 20 years old.

Mr. Foster became a Fellow of the Institute in 1913, he has presented many papers before it, and served as a member of the Electrical Machinery Committee for ten years, 1920-30, being Chairman during the year 1928-29. In 1929 he retired from active work.

Throughout his career of forty years in electrical design, Mr. Foster has been one of the greatest and most productive workers, and the examples of his fine character and his ideals have been almost as valuable as his high ability and wonderful industry. Power station superintendents and operators the country over have asked about him and spoken words of high praise and appreciation years after he had visited them, while all his associates have developed a real affection for him. I believe there is no one alive today who has played a more important part in the development of the electrical design of large machines than Mr. Foster has, and I, therefore, consider that he is eminently worthy of the honor which has been conferred upon him.

The teachers, most helpful to me were John Martin at the District School: George A. Hoadley at Argyle Academy: Fernald, Professor of Greek, Griffen, Professor of English, Mears, Professor of Chemistry, and Mark Hopkins (at 82 years), Professor of Philosophy, at Williams College: and Edward L. Nichols, Professor of Physics at Cornell University.

My Church connections in chronological order have been,— United Presbyterian, Hebron, N. Y.: Congregational, Manchester, Vt.: Presbyterian, Pottstown, Penna.: Congregational, Lynn, Mass.: Dutch Reformed, Schenectady, N. Y. I have been at times teacher in S. S.

Fond of exercise, I have enjoyed gardening all my life: tennis and bowling earlier in life: but my favorite sport is golf.

My clubs are Mohawk Golf, Schenectady: Taconic Golf, Williamstown, Mass.: Williams Club, New York City.

I am Fellow of the American Institute of Electric Engineers: Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science: Member of the Academy of Political Science. My name is to be found in Who's Who in Engineering: Men of Science: Who's Who in New York.



## APPENDIX I

### JOURNAL KEPT BY WILLIAM DOBBIN DURING HIS VOYAGE FROM IRELAND TO AMERICA IN JULY AND AUGUST, 1824.

*(Several of the opening pages are lost.)*

In such a place I believe it is not possible to maintain a due reverence for the Sabbath. The constant din, hurry and bustle carry away the attention, and, before one is aware, the sacred employment of the day is forgotten. O, Lord, who are governor of the sea and land, give us a speedy deliverance from this horrid society, and restore us to ordinances and the quiet enjoyment of the Sabbath.

The most of my family are very sick. I have been only a little squeamish myself as yet, therefore the whole weight of attendance falls upon me. Attendance not very agreeable to a delicate stomach. The constant vomiting in all parts of the ship almost provoke me to join them for good fellowship and then—But if the doctrine of association of ideas be true, it will save me the trouble of writing dirty truths. I beg her Ladyship's pardon for using the expression, but I really could not find one more descriptive.

On Monday we had the wind fair, but it died away towards the evening, and this morning, Tuesday, it was quite calm.

Last Sabbath the Lord's Supper was dispensed at Carnenlogh, and my seat was empty. I know my friends, if I mistake them not, would take notice of the circumstance with feelings of regret. "Woe is me that I dwell in the tents of Kedar." But I trust in that powerful hand which hath fed me and led me all my life long that He will deliver me from this place and this society in the time and manner that is best for me. This day is Dervock fair. I will not be missed there, but I please myself with the thought that there will be a few worthy, single hearts met there who may be talking about me, and doing me the justice to say: "Poor Billy has a warm, a feeling heart." And if these few I have in my eye shall speak well of me, I care not much what the many shall say.

This afternoon we have a fine breeze, and every hour is bringing us to our desired haven. O, that the happy hour was come when I could sit down on land and write you the joyful news 'we are safe arrived.'

This is the fourth day since we sailed. A fine, fair wind. The ship is rolling. A great many are sick. None of us are very ill except Margaret. She is never yet able to hold up her head. I am not very sick but my head is giddy. Jane is quite well. This is a double blessing on account of the child.



How often are we deceived by appearance and how very uncandid as well as unchristian is an indiscriminate sentence. There was a Lot in Sodom, and I believe there are more sober people in this ship than I at first apprehended. What often leads to such mistakes is that they who are well disposed to religion are hid in the crowd of the noisy and profane.

Fifth day. Last night the wind began to blow a little brisker and some of the passengers were greatly terrified. Had I not been sick and sleepy I would have been greatly diverted. Some were vomiting and groaning, others were exhorting the sailors to pray. There, they were singing hymns, and here, they were making promises of amendment. It was with the greatest difficulty I could get my own women to believe we were not to perish instantly. I am very sick and so are all but Jane and the child. It is a great encouragement we are making good way. Notwithstanding my resolution to avoid the journal style I have insensibly fallen into it. My constant squeamishness unfits me for anything but just to take notes.

Sixth day. The wind against us partly, and by lying near to it we made but little way. The captain and mate seem to be using all the exertion in their power to forward our passage and our comfort. Indeed for my own part I cannot boast much of their partiality to us, but their conduct is such as to entitle them to the general approbation.

Seventh day. Wind a little fair.

Eighth day. The wind against us. In the evening almost quite calm.

Ninth day. A fine breeze but contrary. At night it blew a little brisk. They were lying near the wind and of course the vessel was lying to one side. A number of the passengers were much afraid. There was a large chain cable of several tons weight on the deck. It shoved all at once to the lower side of the ship with a tremendous noise; the ship at the same time having fallen more to the side than they had felt it before. O, my friend, had you been there! Never before did I feel an inclination to laugh at prayers uttered from the heart. I had just awaked with the noise of the chain. The first thing I heard was, "Down she goes." And then followed loud supplications for mercy. They were neither long nor well connected, but I gave them credit for their sincerity, for they expected before the next sentence to be swallowed up forever.

Tenth day. We had almost no wind.

Eleventh day. A fine breeze but against us. However, by running a few points from our course we made some way.

Twelfth and thirteenth days. A strong breeze still against us. The sea very high. On this night shipped some water, a torrent



of which came rushing down the hatchway, which furnished new matter for loud petitions. I am half inclined to think that a number of us have served as parish clerks—the responses are so ready on such occasions. One old man very solemnly said to his son, "She will never rise." "Never rise!" said the son, not comprehending his meaning. "Why," returned the father, "is she not down here?" Your friend could hold no longer. I burst out into a loud laugh, which, joined to the sound of prayers and groans, composed a very ludicrous scene.

Fourteenth day. Still lying to the wind.

Fifteenth day, Sabbath. The wind a little fairer and we made some way.

Our Methodist minister has been sick ever since we sailed, and it was seldom he could keep worship. However, at our own end of the ship a number seem well pleased to join in it, and the last Sabbath proved the most comfortable we have had since we came away, although a great number seem strangers to what is called experimental religion. Yet I have not seen an instance of any one deriding the forms of it. There are but few Catholics on board. I believe the most part profess to be Presbyterians except the Methodists. I have as yet discovered only one man who seems not to reverence the sacred name. I hope Mr. Munniss will boast as little as I envied him the honor of this man's being a Seceder.

Sixteenth day. We had the wind at night. A woman died of the fever. If I am rightly informed of the circumstances of this affair, there is not a greater villain on this side the infernal regions than Shaw. I am told that the savage father of the deceased left two daughters ill with the fever in the hospital in Belfast; and that Shaw accounted with him for their share of the passage, allowing the rest of the family to go on board at the risk of so many lives. There are two more of the same family sick with the same disease and where it will stop the Almighty only knows. However, I endeavor to support myself with the belief that He in whose hands are the issues of life will do with us and for us whatever is best for us. I cannot help again adverting to the conduct of the unnatural parents of the deceased. At the solemn moment when the body of his daughter was laid on a board over the side of the ship ready to be shoved into the deep, he seemed as unconcerned as some others of the spectators. And I am told that he and the old woman sat down a short time after to a hearty breakfast.

Seventeenth day. The wind somewhat fair.

Eighteenth and nineteenth days. Foul and fresh with a high swell. Margaret very sick. Her frequent regret that she came to such a place sinks deeply on me and keeps me very unhappy.



For my own part I had represented to my fancy all the trouble we have had, and a great deal more; so that I was prepared to meet difficulties.

Twentieth day. The wind still ahead. I have little to record save the wind and weather. Not so a land journey. Every mile presents something new and furnishes matter for reflection or amusement. But here, there is nothing to vary the scene. Sky and water is all that is to be seen unless now and then a ship at a distance. And when I tell you that I have not discovered one person of taste and refinement in the ship such as the dear friends I have left behind, you will not think it strange that this narrative should be dry and uninteresting. Our conversation here is far enough from being of the sentimental kind. In general is low and often wicked. O, for one day's—one hour's conversation with a few I could name! It would put new vigor into my low spirits. But this cannot be. Well, then, I will talk over again the pleasant—the interesting conversation which memory has faithfully recorded. There is a young man of the Methodists that appears to me to be remarkable for his piety. He takes pleasure in reading the scriptures and can repeat a great deal of it and apply it to good purpose. But I do not know to what extent his information reaches on other subjects, for he seems so religious as not to relish any other subject.

From the fifth day up to the twenty-fourth the wind almost constantly against us. But on that day we had a fine side wind and made a great deal of way. On the twenty-third day—being the twelfth of July—there was a join for drinking; for there are a great number of Orangemen on board. To avoid being thought singular I made Joseph subscribe. There was a good deal of liquor drunk, but nobody drunk, and the frolic ended in good humor. One of the Catholics swore after he had danced with them, had they been Catholics they would have been killing one another.

On the twenty-fifth and twenty-sixth contrary winds. I begin to fear a tedious passage, but that is nothing to the dread of the fever. To be confined to such a place where such a disease is raging excites a degree of horror which I am unable to describe. On the twenty-sixth a child belonging to a woman in the fever, died. The mother is ill—not expected to live. O! my friends; if you knew my feelings at this moment you would indeed pity your poor friend. My only support is the assurance that a hair of our heads cannot perish without our Heavenly Father's notice. Under this conviction I shall not be altogether miserable whatever may befall us. The after part of the day we had fine winds. At night it began to blow pretty hard. A mutiny took place. One of the men refused to come on deck. The captain seemed afraid



to go to extremities while the passengers were in bed, but the next morning he gave two of them a dreadful kicking. The passengers did not interfere much, but they were determined to support the captain if there had been occasion. I cannot say what was the cause of the mutiny, but it is conjectured that it was on account of the first mate being degraded, I believe, on account of drinking too much and neglect of duty.

On this day we sailed but little, the wind being too high to carry much cloth. It was uncommon rainy and cold.

How wonderfully gracious is that Providence that preserves us at all times; but in imminent dangers and signal deliverance when the Almighty arm is made bare in remarkable preservations it loudly calls for adoring gratitude and thankful praise. Such sentiments and such a frame of mind our late wonderful escape demands, and is calculated to inspire.

On the morning of the thirtieth as it began to dawn, I was awakened by the signal for the men to appear on deck, which was succeeded by the noise of their feet. Rising in the greatest hurry some of the boys started up and went upon deck. O, dreadful! They thought they could have thrown a stone on land. The sailors were terrified. They exerted themselves to the utmost and in a few moments the ship was put about. It was acknowledged that ten minutes more would have wrecked us, as we were running directly on land. What seeming casual circumstances are made the means of our preservation. The wind was low, the man at the helm was relieved, and, in coming forward discovered our situation. It proved to be Newfoundland. Now it was my turn to be terrified and I cannot look back without shuddering with horror. As soon as it was clear we discovered a mountain of ice. It was literally a mountain. We were told, and I believe it, that it was as high as the top mast of the ship. As I am not used to calculating the size of objects at such a distance on the water, I cannot guess at its bulk. But it appeared of an enormous size. And when the sun shone upon it it had a grand and majestic appearance.

Thirty-third day. This is now the third day since I wrote last. I was taken ill with a severe lax which confined me to bed. I am still confined, and obliged to write in bed. If I were the only sufferer it would be comparatively easy for me, but Margaret is ill of the same disease. Where it will end God only knows. It remains for us to improve the time as it passes and be silent under his hand who afflicts us. I have fears that I will not be able to bring these papers to a close. At any rate, if I be able I will close it with a parting address—a last sad farewell to my ever dear and respected friends. I will give orders that it may be transcribed and sent the first opportunity. This afternoon I am a



great deal better. I begin to hope that the disease is at a crisis, and that I may live to say that we are safe arrived. A few days fair wind would bring us to the desired haven. We are now on the coast and looking out for land. This day we had the melancholy news of a vessel floating with her keel uppermost. She was far to windward, and nothing further could be discovered.

I should have mentioned long ago that the Chin-cough was in the ship. Mary and Peggy took it. We thought Peggy would have died, but she is now pretty well. Another circumstance I forgot to mention in its order. The day that the child died of the fever the Captain fitted up the long boat for the rest of the family. They have remained there ever since and are getting better.

On the evening we spoke a vessel from Quebec to Belfast, and our Captain desired them to report us in Belfast; so that I expect you will hear by the newspapers that we are on the coast long before you get a letter from me.

Thirty-fourth day. This has proved to me a day of terror. My original disease is somewhat abated, but I feel strong symptoms of one much more dreadful—a stoppage of urine, O, Dr. Camock, what would I give to be under your hand whenever I am ill. Fancy sets your picture before me. I think you could relieve me. I am sure you would if you could. But what is all this? This I could bear up against but our doctor says—hear it, and guess my feelings—he says that William has the fever. To you whose hearts I know, and you who know mine, I need not say more. In this double trouble, however, I have cause for joy and thankfulness. Margaret spent more time on the deck this day than any day since we left Ireland. A pleasant day this—but little wind. How sudden the change from cold to heat. The weather after the first week was as cold as winter, especially the last ten days. We had fair wind to the thirty-sixth day. On that day it was dead. We have been in the river the two or three days.

Thirty-ninth day. I have been so agitated with grief I was not in spirits to write these days past. We are beating up the river for the most part against the wind. We now see the shore on each side. William is very ill. I think it is not the fever, but I am afraid he will not live. One of the family in the boat was buried on the thirtieth. It is said she was dead a day or two, but they concealed it in hopes of getting to land. I have got almost quite well, but Margaret continues weak and sickly.

Forty-fourth day. We have been beating up the river almost constantly since we left the gulf. On the forty-third we got a pilot on board. The Captain was looking for one with great anxiety. On the forty-fourth day our jib-boom broke. We got it repaired in a few hours. On the forty-fifth day we got up the



river with a fair wind and landed at Quebec; being Wednesday the 4th August. On Thursday evening the 5th we got into the steamboat. The women and William were taken in a boat. The rest of us had to go by land about half a mile. They would not let us on board till the hour of sailing. By that time it was quite dark. I was stopped as I was going in by a passenger who owed me some money. By the time I settled with him the rest were all on board and when I went in I could not find them. I at length found James McAllister on the same fruitless search. We spent a long while of the night before we found the women, and James and David were still to seek. I will not attempt to give you a just idea of the situation. The throng and confusion baffles all description. It is enough to observe that the half of us could not get room to lie down on the deck. I sat the whole night between William and the wind shivering with the cold. The rain began to fall and continued heavy the following night. We got a piece of tarred cloth which with some of our own bed-clothes gave us some shelter and kept off the greater part of the rain. Our beds were all wet. We were cold and fatigued, and could get no warm victuals. All this was nothing to the distress on William's account, who was so weak as to require support to walk a little. We landed on Saturday evening, and here was a new distress. William had the appearance of fever and no one would lodge us. I offered half a guinea for two nights, and would not be received. A kind Providence put it in a man's heart to give us a room at a moderate rate. We suffered more distress in body and mind from Quebec to Montreal than in our passage from Ireland. Our kind and humane Captain agreed for all his passengers that were going up the river, at two shillings a piece less than the usual rate, to wit, 8 shillings. The Providence landed on the same day with us, after a passage of nine weeks. A number of them were with us besides a great many more which, together with their baggage stowed the vessel both above and below in such a manner as scarcely to leave room to set a foot on the deck. O! my friends, did you but know what I suffered. I cannot describe my distress.

We stopped in Montreal till Tuesday the 10th. Our lodging cost us a dollar. At 10 o'clock on that day we took the steamboat for Lapere, a distance of nine miles, which cost us ten shillings. From thence we proceeded to St. John's, a distance of eighteen miles, where we arrived at about nine o'clock in the evening of the same day. We had two carts at a dollar each. This part of our journey was pleasant. The day was fine. We were indeed a good deal fatigued. I was glad to have an opportunity of remarking that all parts of the world can produce persons of humanity. There was a gentleman in the steamboat who took notice



of William and brought him a glass of wine. Another brought his umbrella and gave it to me to hold over him to shade him from the sun. These were comforts which no one offered on the passage from Quebec when there was much more need. We stopped in St. John's till Thursday the 13th. Our lodging cost us ten pence a night. Early on that morning we got on the steamboat for Whitehall. Our freight cost us seventeen dollars and a half. We had a pleasant passage and landed before sunset on Saturday the 14th. But here we could get no lodging, and were obliged to go into the country to get a wagon to go to my brother James; about thirty-four or thirty-five miles, which cost us five dollars. I started off at nine o'clock, some hours before the wagon. It was after night before I reached the village. I had then three miles further to go to James. I had difficulty in finding his house, as the people were mostly in bed. He went back with me to the village to meet the wagon. We stayd part of the night watching for them, but they did not come. We went home and I was very uneasy. I was afraid some accident had befallen them, for the man had said he would be in the village by evening. They came in the morning, when it appeared one of the horses had rusted (balked) and they were obliged to stay at an inn.

To Captain Mason, Commander of the Brig Glory of Aberdeen from Belfast to Quebec.

Sir:—It is with pleasure we take this opportunity before we bid you farewell to express the deep sense we have of your care and of your kindness to us during our passage in your ship. Your constant attendance on your duty as a commander, and even your denying yourself in many instances that rest which your rank entitled you to, was evident to us all. But the time in which you navigated your vessel with almost constant head winds speaks more for you than we are able to do. But, sir, it is as a man of feeling and humanity that we can appreciate your character. Your unremitting attention to everything that could promote our health and comfort, claims our warmest thanks, and demands our respect and esteem. Be pleased then, sir, to accept of this address as a tribute we owe to your friendship, and as a testimony that we are not insensible to your merits.

WILLIAM DOBBIN.



## APPENDIX II

### MARTHA ANN DOBBIN'S HISTORY OF THE DOBBIN FAMILY, PROBABLY WRITTEN IN THE YEAR 1889

NOTE: For the sake of clarity the numerals used throughout this book have been inserted in this Appendix.—W.M. J. FOSTER.

The Dobbin family is of French Huguenot descent and the present name is a corruption of the true name—D'Aubyn. It is supposed the family was driven from France during the Huguenot persecution and took refuge in Scotland. Later they crossed the Irish Sea to the north of Ireland and settled in County Antrim.

Early in the eighteenth century John Dobbin (1) was born in Connagher, County Antrim. He married Mary Miller of the same place. William (11), James (12), John (13), David (14), Miller (15) and Samuel (16), six sons—and one daughter, Sarah, were born to them; all of whom lived to a ripe old age except the daughter who died young. During the Revolutionary War John Dobbin came to America and fought with the Colonists until the close of the war, when he returned to Ireland. Not long after, his wife died. In 1798, his sons James and John having emigrated to America, he returned—bringing with him his three younger sons, David, Miller and Samuel. They landed in Virginia and pursued their journey northward on foot. (The three sons lived to a good old age and always spoke in terms of praise of the kindness and hospitality of the people who entertained them on their weary journey.)

The father was old and feeble; and Samuel, being but a boy of nine years, they were not able to travel as speedily as the older ones desired. David and Miller hastened on and their father and Samuel followed as strength would permit. It was a tedious, painful journey. The father was weak and frail in mind and body, and often Samuel's childish wisdom and perseverance were sorely taxed in his efforts to prevail on his father to follow the direct road. After many weary days and weeks their destination was reached and they arrived in Washington County, N. Y., where they lived and died.

John Dobbin did not long survive the journey. He soon died, and his remains lie in the Christie burying ground in Greenwich. His age is not known and his resting place is not marked, but his name still lives in his survivors and honored descendants. John Dobbin and his immediate descendants were all members of the Associate Presbyterian Church and nearly all their descendants are in that or the U. P. Church. Blood will tell! And some traits of the French Huguenots still adhere to the family.

William Dobbin (11) was born Feb. 22, 1771. At the age of



twenty-two he married Margaret, daughter of Samuel and Jane (Dobbin) Andrew, who was born in the month of Nov., 1771. William's mother being in poor health and not likely to live long, he took his wife to his father's where all remained until the breaking out of the Irish rebellion in 1798. The family espoused the cause of liberty, and when the French failed in fulfilling their offers of assistance to the Irish peasantry they speedily found themselves at the mercy of their enemies. James and John having been recognized among the insurgents, they departed for America without delay. William remained with his family but towards the close of the war for a time was obliged to secrete himself.

His family consisted of seven sons and three daughters, all of whom were born in County Antrim, Ireland. They were Samuel (111), John (112), Joseph (113), Mary (114), Jenny (115), William Miller (116), James (117), James (118), David Miller (119) and Mary (11(10)). As previously stated, John Dobbin and all his sons except William emigrated to America at about the close of the eighteenth century. On June 19, 1824, William with all his family except the two older sons, who had preceded them by several years, set sail for America in the Glory of Aberdeen. (The long and tedious journey is best described in a journal kept by him and which is given here. It is much to be regretted that before a duplicate was made the opening pages were destroyed, so we lose an interesting account of the farewell and the beginning of the voyage.)

Nearly all his life was spent in the town of Jackson, N. Y., after he came to this country. Soon after his arrival here (having been elected to the office of ruling elder in the church in Ireland) he was elected to the same office in East Salem Associate Presbyterian congregation which he honored until his removal to Salem, where he resided for some years with his son Joseph. About a year before his death he removed to his son Samuel's in Greenwich where he died in 1858 at the age of eighty-seven years, having lived with his wife sixty-five years. She survived him three years and three months. Her death occurred in Sept., 1861, at the age of ninety years. They were buried in South Argyle yard.

Samuel (111) was born July 5, 1794. He emigrated to America in 1819. In 1822 he married Elizabeth, daughter of Peter Christie. Their family was seven sons and six daughters, all of whom survived their parents except one daughter. He resided on a farm in Greenwich until his death in 1866. Three or four years later his widow removed to Illinois, where she resided with her oldest daughter, Mrs. Margaret Walker, until her death, which occurred in 1877.

John (112) was born in 1796; came to America in 1818. He was a cooper by trade, and was married to Rachel, daughter of



James McLean, in 182-. They had four children. Their home was in Jackson, and for a while they lived on the Gate Place. Her death occurred in 184-. Soon after, the oldest daughter married and the home was broken up. The daughter moved to Wisconsin and a year or two later her father and younger sister followed; and resided with her until her death a year after, when he removed to DeKalb Co., Ill. Here he made his home with his brother David until his marriage March 2, 1859, to Mrs. Margaret Thompson, widow of Joseph Thompson. In 1881 he went to Iowa, and lived for some time with his son Andrew; from there he went to Glenwood, Minn., where he resided with his daughter, Phebe Elsey, until his death Feb. 27, 1888, at the age of ninety-one years and six months. His wife still survives him (Jan., 1889).

Joseph (113) was born July 5, 1799. He left Ireland with his parents in June, 1824, and remained home with them until his marriage to Martha S. Dobbin March 4, 1830. Their home was mostly in Jackson, N. Y., until 1843, when they moved to Salem, where they resided till 1857. In the fall of 1856 he went to Minnesota, and in the summer of 1857 his family followed, where they lived until the spring of 1862. They returned to New York, where he once more took up his old trade—coopering. In the spring of 1868 they moved to Cossayuna, where both died; Martha—Nov. 3, 1878, aged seventy-two years and six days—Joseph, Aug. 19, 1887, aged eighty-eight years, one month and four days. Their family consisted of five sons and two daughters.

Mary (114) was born June, 1800, and died at the age of three years.

Jenny (115) was born April, 1804, and was married in 1823 to James, son of Dexter McAllister. They emigrated to America with her father's family in 1824; they resided in Greenwich till about 1835, when they went to what was then the far West, DeKalb Co., Ill. There they raised a large family of children—nine girls and three boys, all of whom lived to manhood and womanhood, except the youngest son.

William Miller (116) was born in July, 1806, and emigrated to America with his father in 1824. For some years he was on the Canals. He married Mehitabel Milliman of Hoosick, N. Y., moved to Ohio in 1835, and to Olina, Henderson Co., Ill., in 1842, where he has ever since resided. His home is still in Henderson County with his son David. His wife died July 20, 1885. Their family consisted of seven sons and two daughters.

James (117) was born in July, 1808, and died while an infant. A son born soon after his death was also named

James (118). He was born July, 1810. At the age of seventeen he went to sea and some years after, while reefing sail in a storm, the sail struck him and knocked him overboard. He fell



head downwards and it was supposed he was so stunned by the fall as not to know what to do. When he rose to the surface of the water the Captain and crew did all they could to save him, but he sank. His age was about twenty-four. He was a young man of good natural ability, and had life been spared, might have been a useful man in the world.

David Miller (119), the youngest son, was born Jan. 31, 1813, and was eleven years of age when the family left Ireland. When he grew to manhood he learned the Cooper's trade, but a considerable part of his time was spent at home assisting in the work of the farm till his marriage to Charity Irvine, daughter of John Graham, Jan. 18, 1836. In Oct., 1837, they moved to Ohio, where Charity died, June 16, 1839. In August, 1840, he with his infant son, returned to New York, where he married Mary Jane, daughter of Jonathan French. In the spring of 1844 they emigrated to DeKalb Co., Ill. The country was new and they endured all the privations of ordinary pioneer life. Jan. 27, 1848, Mary Jane died—leaving two children—and he was once more left with a motherless family. Sept. 9, 1852, he married Eliza M., daughter of John Stott. Their family was four daughters. They resided in Illinois till 1883, when they removed to Sedgwick Co., Kansas, where they still reside, surrounded by their children, all of whom live within a few miles of them except one daughter, whose home is in Mercer Co., Ill. He died Nov. 29, 1898.

Mary (11(10)), the youngest daughter, was born June 19, 1815; was married on Sept. 25th, 1845, to John Nelson. Their children were four sons and four daughters. Their home is in Shushan, N. Y.

James (12), the second son of John and Mary (Miller) Dobbin, was born in 1773 in County Antrim, Ireland, and, as previously stated, left Ireland soon after the commencement of the Irish Rebellion, and settled in Jackson (or Salem), N. Y. He married Martha ..... They had three daughters and two sons. He was Court Crier for many years. He died in Sept., 1826.

John (13), the third son of John and Mary Dobbin, was born in Ireland in 1775, and left Ireland with his brother James soon after the outbreak of the Rebellion. Previous to his mother's death his parents looked forward to his entering the ministry. His education had been commenced with that object in view. Possessed of good judgment and a remarkable memory, he seemed well fitted for the work; but his mother's death interrupted these plans. After coming to America he took up the cabinet-maker's trade and had the reputation of being the best workman in the county. He took an active part in polities and was strongly opposed to slavery. He was also deeply interested in all matters pertaining to the church, in which he held the office of ruling elder for many years—was well fitted for it by nature and edu-



cation, always fond of an argument, and was seldom vanquished. Many anecdotes might be told of his wordy encounters with those who differed with him. He married Jane, daughter of John McKillop. Their family consisted of six daughters and five sons. Jane died Nov. 27, 1849, aged sixty-nine years. John—March 22, 1861, aged 86 years, lamented by all who knew him. Although possessed of an argumentative disposition and very earnest in maintaining his own principles, he was never known to become angry while defending his position or advancing his own opinions. He was a godly man, and labored earnestly and faithfully with many of his friends and neighbors to convince them of the truths of the Christian Religion.

Mary (131), eldest daughter of John and Jane Dobbin, was born Dec. 13, 1803. She was married to Pascal D. Moore Oct., 1825. They are still living together—March, 1889—near Cambridge, N. Y., having celebrated their golden wedding in Oct., 1875. Their family was seven sons and three daughters. One son and one daughter died in infancy, and one son enlisted twice through the Civil War and was shot by rebel bushwhackers soon after he enlisted the second time.

Martha Simpson (132) was born Oct. 27, 1805. On March 4, 1830, she married Joseph Dobbin. Their children were five sons and two daughters. One son died in infancy. She died near Cossayuna, N. Y., Nov. 3, 1878.

Ann (133) was born Aug. 5, 1807. She married Frank Telford in 1846, and removed with him to DeKalb Co., Ill., where she died in Jan., 1848, leaving an infant daughter who survived her but a few weeks.

Margaret (134) was born Dec. 18, 1809, and married Elihu Bishop in 1834. She died on Feb. 20, 1841, aged thirty-one years, and left one son and one daughter.

William (135), the oldest son, was born May 25, 1812. In 1834 he went to Ohio, where he soon died after a short illness.

Sarah (136) was born on Apr. 15, 1814, and died of consumption Apr. 10, 1853.

John Ross (137) was born Oct. 16, 1816. He married Sarah Jane, daughter of Jonathan Hubbard. He was for some time agent at the R. R. station in Shushan, N. Y., and on Oct. 12, 1855, was accidentally killed while "uncoupling" a car. His wife, Sarah Jane, died on Feb. 16, 1869, leaving one daughter.

David (138) was born Nov. 11, 1818. He married Lucy T. Knowlton. Although a carpenter; nearly all his life has been spent on a farm in Jackson, N. Y. He is so crippled by rheumatism as to be unable to work. Their family is two sons and two daughters.

Jean (139) was born Nov. 11, 1820, and died Sept. 24, 1850.

James Shaw (13-10) was born Oct. 28, 1822. He was gradu-



ated from Union College in 1848, and chose the occupation of teacher. He was twice Principal of Washington Academy, Salem; also of Argyle Academy, and once of a classical school in Sandy Hill. He also taught in several western states, always successfully. He volunteered in the N. Y. 123rd, known as the "Washington Co. Regiment," and participated in the famous "March through Georgia." He died in Salem, N. Y., July 27, 1867, aged 44 years, 8 months and 29 days. He rests in the Soldiers' ground in Evergreen Cemetery, Salem, N. Y. His whole life, except the time spent in serving his country, was spent in obtaining an education and educating others. He was always faithful and thorough in everything he undertook. He married Laventia L. Phillips of Binghamton, N. Y., who still survives him. They have but one son.

Thomas (13-11) was born Sept. 5, 1825, and died June 1, 1848.

David (14), the fourth son of John and Mary (Miller) Dobbin, was born in 1778. In 1798 he, with his father and brothers—Miller and Samuel—came to America. An account of the journey has been previously given. He married Jane Kay, who died in a few years, leaving two daughters and one son. In 1825 he returned to Ireland, where he married Nancy Lourie, by whom he had two daughters. He was a tanner and for several years was engaged in that business in connection with the boot and shoe business in Vermont. The last years of his life were spent on a small farm in South Argyle. All who knew him respected him for his honesty and piety. He died in 1860 at the age of eighty-three.

Miller (15), fifth son of John and Mary Dobbin, was born Oct., 1782. At the age of sixteen he emigrated to America and settled in Greenwich, Washington Co., N. Y. In January, 1803, he married Margaret, daughter of James Mains. Their home was on a farm in Greenwich. Margaret died Jan. 25, 1823. Dec. 12, 1833, Miller married Mrs. Margaret—widow of a Mr. Beatty, and daughter of Hugh Tinkey. He died Sept. 19, 1866. His second wife, Margaret, died Apr., 1877.

James (151), oldest son of Miller and Margaret (Mains) Dobbin, was born Dec. 27, 1803, and died Mar. 21, 1831.

Mary (152) was born Aug. 24, 1805, and died Dec. 17, 1834.

Samuel (153) was born Sept. 27, 1807, and died Apr. 16, 1868.

Margaret (154) was born Oct. 9, 1810, and with her sister is living on their farm in Greenwich, respected by all who know them.

Jane (155) was born Oct. 9, 1812, and died May 25, 1885, leaving a place in the hearts of her friends never to be filled.

Eleanor (156) was born Apr. 29, 1815, and is living with her sister, Margaret, on their farm in Greenwich.

John (157) was born Nov. 18, 1818, and died Nov. 17, 1835.



Sarah (158), daughter of Miller and his second wife, Margaret, was born Sept. 30, 1837, and was married to William Riddell Jan. 31, 1866. They are living on a farm in Greenwich, N. Y. They have five children—two sons and three daughters—John (1581), Margaret (1582), Andrew (1583), Mary (1584) and Anna (1585).

Samuel Dobbin (16), the sixth son of John and Mary Miller Dobbin, was born (it is supposed, not certain) Feb. 21, 1789. He came to America and settled in Greenwich, Wash. Co., N. Y. On Feb. 8, 1810, he married Sarah, daughter of James Mains. She was born Feb. 21, 1789, and died Nov. 27, 1836, aged 53 years. Samuel, for his second wife, married Mrs. Ann Dyer, widow of Ezra Dyer and daughter of Alexander McNaughton. He died Apr. 18, 1876, and his second wife, Ann, died Dec. 26, 1878.

Margaret Dobbin (161), oldest child of Samuel and Sarah (Mains) Dobbin, was born Dec. 6, 1810, and died when an infant.

Alexander (162) was born Jan. 15, 1812. Was married three times. First to Mary Jane Shaw. They had one daughter, Sarah, but the mother and daughter did not live long. For his second wife, he married Martha E. McLean, to whom was born one son, Samuel, who died when about 12 or 13 years of age. She died Feb. 16, 1882. For his third wife he married Mrs. Lillie King, widow of Thomas King, Feb. 9, 1886. He died Sept. 21, 1890.

William Dobbin (163) was born Dec. 13, 1813, and died when an infant.

Mary Dobbin (164) was born Dec. 30, 1814, and died Mar. 26, 1894. She was known as Aunt Polly and was loved and respected by all who knew her.

Eleanor Livingston Dobbin (165) was born Mar. 23, 1817. She married George Walker Mar. 16, 1838. They had ten children: Sarah (1651), Robert A. (1652), Helen Maria (1653), James (1654), Jenette (1655), Mary J. (1656), Margaret (1657), Martha A. (1658), Elizabeth (1659) and John (165(10)). Three of their children died when small. Four have died since. Eleanor (Dobbin) Walker died Apr. 2, 1894, and her husband, George Walker, died Nov. 3, 1896. They lived in Amsterdam, N. Y.

Isabel Dobbin (166) was born Dec. 19, 1818. Died June 19, 1837, aged 19 years.

James Dobbin (167) was born Jan. 15, 1821. He married Catherine Campbell. To them were born eight children: Mary Isabel (1671), Cornelia (1672), Jane A. (1673), Henry (1674) and Frank (1675) (twins), Nellie S. (1676), Grace C. (1677) and William S. (1678). Three of their children died within two weeks of diphtheria and one at another time. James Dobbin died June 7, 1890, and his wife, Catherine (Campbell) Dobbin, Aug. 31, 1889. They lived near East Greenwich, N. Y.



John Miller Dobbin (168) was born Apr. 24, 1823. He married Phebe M. Graham Apr. 2, 1846. They had two children, Sarah Jane (1681) and Hattie M. (1682). John M. Dobbin died June 28, 1883. His wife, Phebe (Graham) Dobbin died May 30, 1885. They lived near East Greenwich, N. Y.

William H. Dobbin (169), youngest son of Samuel Dobbin and his second wife Ann, was born Jan. 12, 1840, and died Aug. 10, 1864, aged 24 years. He enlisted in the 123rd Regiment of New York State Volunteers, Company A, known as the Washington Co. Regiment. He had a fever and died at Nashville, Tenn., and was there buried. His body rests in a soldier's lonely grave far away from friends and home.



## APPENDIX III

### OTHER LINES OF DOBBIN

The Author has had contact with other lines of Dobbin in the United States and Canada, and also has become acquainted with two other lines through articles in newspapers.

Possibly, the Dobbin most widely known in the U. S. in his day was James Cochrane Dobbin of North Carolina, Secretary of the Navy in President Pierce's Administration, who introduced many reforms into the Navy, and after whom the Flagship of the present Destroyers was named, the U. S. S. Dobbin. His ancestors came from the North of Ireland. This line may be called the North Carolina Line.

The immigrant ancestor of Miss Emily E. Dobbin of La Jolla, Cal., landed in Virginia, settled there and his descendants have progressed westward through Kentucky and Missouri. Her father was Leonard Dobbin, M.D., who practised in Louisville, Ky., and Kansas City, Mo. This line may be called the Virginia Line.

The immigrant ancestor of the Maryland Line was Archibald Dobbin, who came from Ireland in the latter part of the 18th century. An outstanding member of this line was George W. Dobbin of Baltimore, Judge of the Supreme Bench: Trustee of Peabody Institute: President of Trustees of the Johns Hopkins Institute.—See article on Maryland Heraldry in Baltimore Sun, Aug. 19, 1906—Sunday Edition.

The immigrant ancestor of what may be called the Orange County, New York, Line was Hugh Dobbin from County Monaghan, Ireland, who settled in Sugar Loaf, Orange County, about the middle of the 18th century and tried to maintain neutrality in the War for Independence; went to his old home in Ireland for a visit during the War, leaving his family at Sugar Loaf and had great difficulty in getting back to his family. Two of his sons were then in the armies of the Colonists. A letter of Hugh's to Gov. Clinton is now in the Archives of the Library of New York State in Albany. Interesting articles on Hugh Dobbin and Dobbin Ancestry in general came out in the Tarrytown, N. Y., Argus in the Mar. 16th and Mar. 27th, 1907, issues.

Harold J. D. Dobbin, a Chiropractor in Portland, Oregon, was born in Bracebridge, Ontario, Can., where his father, John Dobbin of Belfast, or Armagh, Ireland, had settled. Dr. Harold W. Dobbin is a practising physician in Portland. The tradition in their family is that their ancestors away back came from Holland.

Miss M. M. L. Dobbin and her sister, Mrs. Ericson of Vancouver, B. C., were born at Carlingford Lough, County Armagh,



Ireland, at the old homestead of their family, known as "Omeath." They have a nephew, Leonard A. Dobbin, in business in Vancouver whose name, Leonard, is the favorite name in their line as in all other lines of Dobbin, except our own.

The Author thinks it altogether probable that all the lines of Dobbin alluded to above have a common ancestor and that he lived early in the 16th century in Carrickfergus, a small city on Belfast Lough, ten miles from the City of Belfast, and that his



DOBBIN ARMS

Copied from ancient church at Armagh.

Arms—Azure, a chevron or between three annulets or.

Crest—A dexter hand ppr. grasping a spear, point abased.

Motto—*Deus Dexter Meus.*



ancestors came through England, several generations of them, and ultimately came from Normandy, France. Hence he does not see how we can consider ourselves "Scotch-Irish." At the same time he is of the opinion that a large part of the population in the southern part of Scotland, and the Lowland Scotch, are of the same stock and same origin as the people of Ulster, Ireland.

As to the name itself, it may have been derived from the French surname, d'Aubigne,—quite an honorable name in France,—through a few transformations. There are other surnames that differ but little in the spelling, such as Dobbins, Dobbyn, Dobyn, etc. He has discussed genealogy with some bearing the name Dobbins, but failed to find one of them who knew what country across the ocean his immigrant ancestor hailed from. The state of Indiana appears to have been the home of many bearing the name Dobbins.

#### DOBBIN COAT OF ARMS

The Family Crest, or Coat of Arms, shown here is that claimed by at least three of the lines referred to above. Hence, it probably dates back to Dobbin of Carrickfergus and thus belongs to us too. It is shown in black and white. One must visualize the colors in the Ensign to appreciate it at all. The strange terms used, such as "azure," blue and "or" gold or yellow, when translated into everyday English, inform us that the Arms, *i.e.*, the shield or body part of the device, has groundwork of blue, the two rafters meeting at the top and the three rings are yellow, and the Crest, or head and arm part, has a purple right hand grasping a spear with the point turned down. The Motto in Latin, translated, is God my right hand.



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